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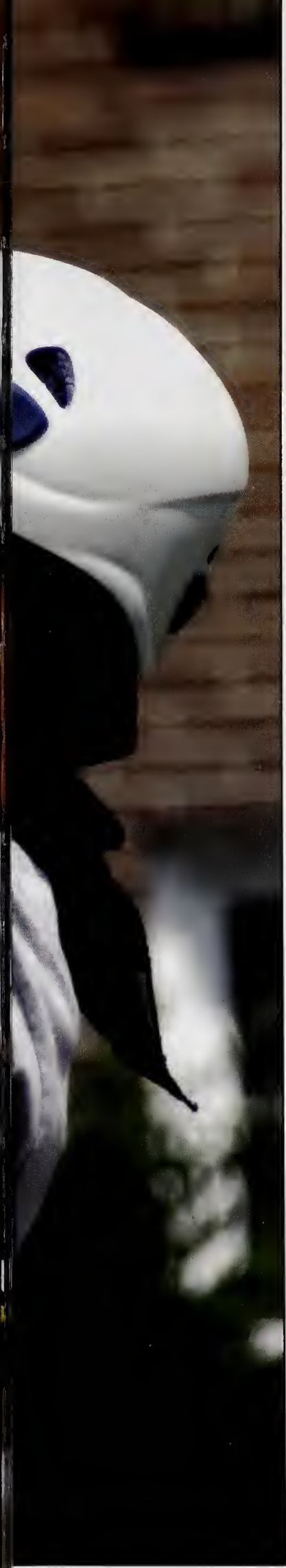
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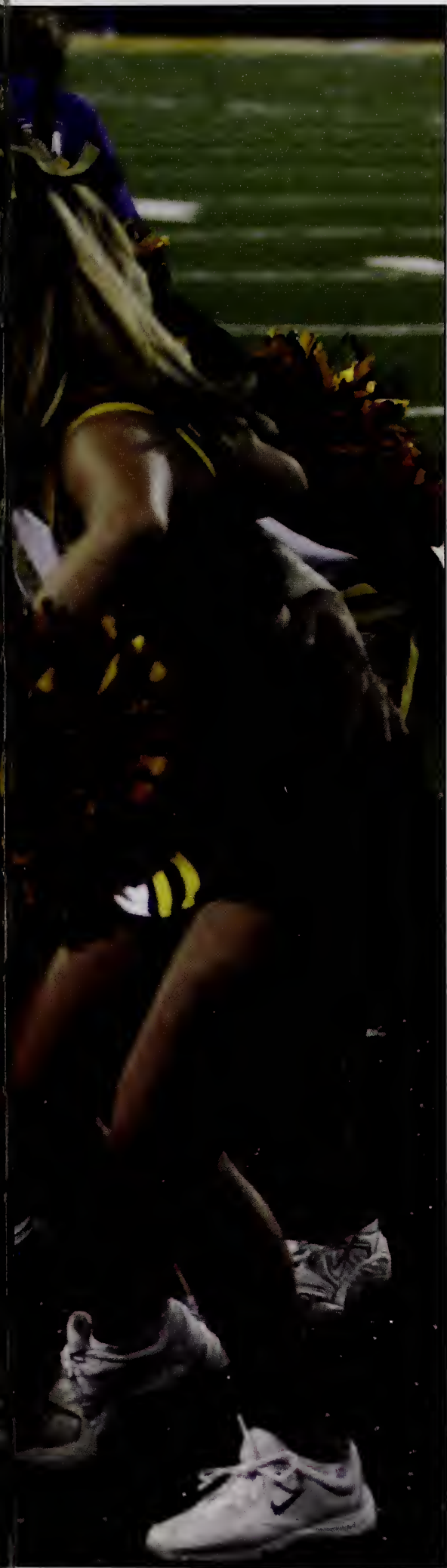
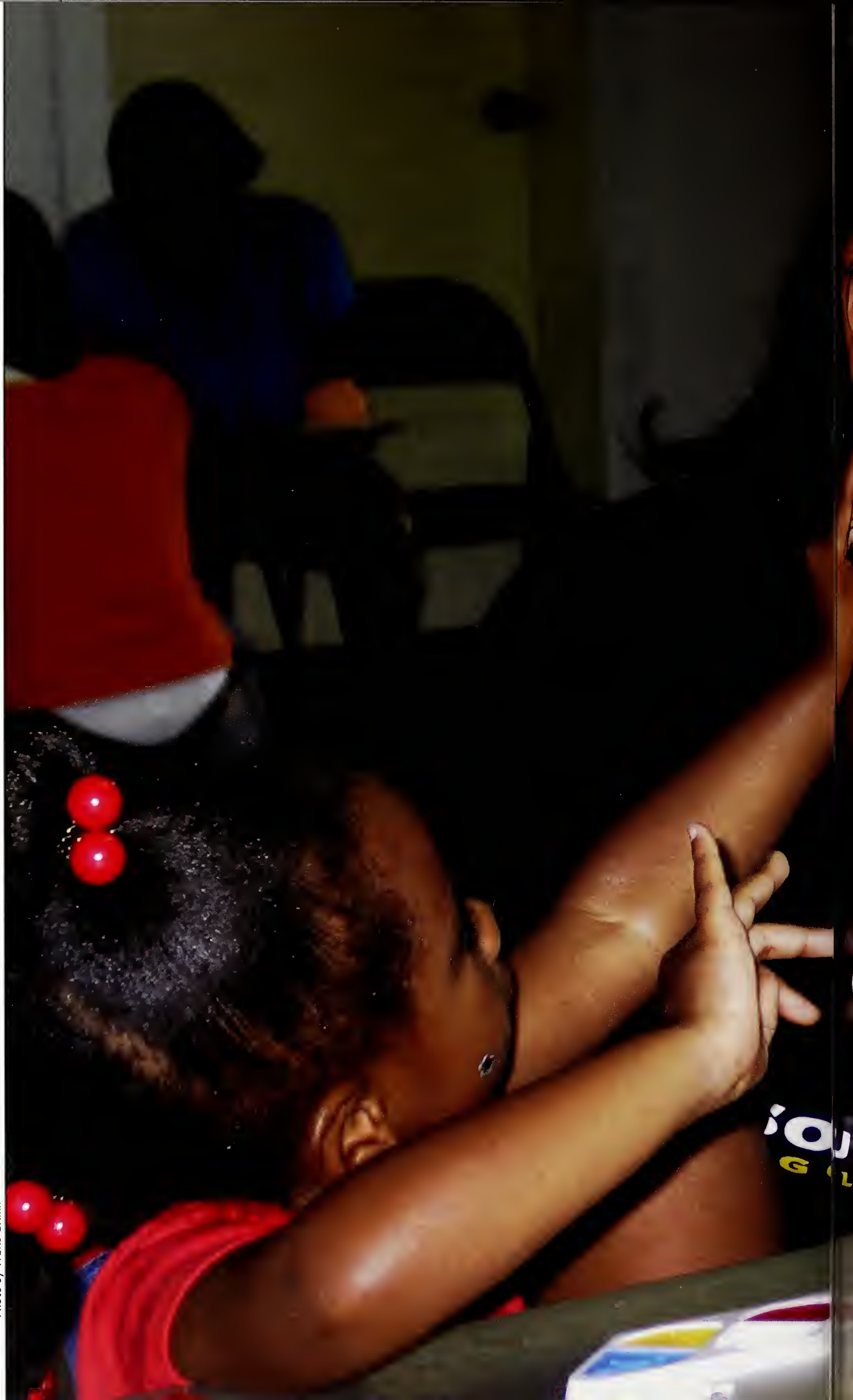


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student life

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Dedicated to introducing freshman to university life, Golden Eagle Welcome Weekend was a success. Freshman and directors both enjoyed the variety of activities provided throughout the four day event. Opening convocation kicked off the weekend on Fri., Aug. 20, with lots of excitement and enthusiasm as freshman were introduced to their directors. Other feature events included a hypnotist, organization fair and Fall Fest. Continuing with tradition, freshman also painted the Eagle Walk in preparation for football season. They were also given the unique privilege of running through The Rock.

Move-in was also an experience that residence life tried to make a little more fun as students tried to weather the heat of August. They provided refreshments, information tents and activities. Social organizations from all over campus also showed up to help the freshman get settled in. Closing convocation concluded a weekend of information and preparation that hopefully prepared the freshman for a wonderful semester.

GOLDEN EAGLE

sponsored by Freshman Year Experience

Golden Eagle Welcome Weekend group leaders lead the freshman class in the Nasty Bunch cheer at Opening Convocation. The Nasty Bunch cheer is a football game tradition done when the defense is on the field. **Photo by Jennifer Ernest**



The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha work as a team to assist freshman females as they move into their new home in the freshman quad dorms. **Photo by Latisa Virgil**



Margie Heltzel, a senior from Vicksburg, leads her group through the giant helmet and into The Rock as freshmen are encouraged to get excited about Southern Miss athletics. The freshmen were invited to get a "feel" of the new artificial turf placed into M.M. Roberts stadium. **Photo by Jennifer Petcher**



WELCOME WEEKEND



A group gathers together; prepared to carry on the tradition of painting of the Eagle Walk. The Eagle Walk is painted annually by the incoming freshmen class before the first home game of the football season. Photo by Jennifer Petcher



Eva VanHouten kicked off her freshman year at Fall Fest in Shoemaker Square during Golden Eagle Welcome Weekend. Many organizations set up booths with games and information to get the freshmen involved on campus. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

Students show their enthusiasm for Golden Eagle Welcome Weekend at Opening Convocation. Photo by Jennifer Ernest



Under hypnosis, orientation leader, Jamaya Smith, junior marketing major from Vicksburg (right) and students follow the instructions of Dan LaRosa. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

I did **WHAT?**

remembering the hypnotist at Golden Eagle Welcome Weekend
Story by Lakeshia Allen

Have you ever wondered what you would do while being hypnotized? Well, during the freshmen's first weekend at Southern Miss, they got this experience. This was the largest freshman class to date at Southern Miss. All the frightened thoughts and awful doubts were drowned out with lots of laughter and amazement. This program is held annually and really gets students in the groove for starting a new journey.

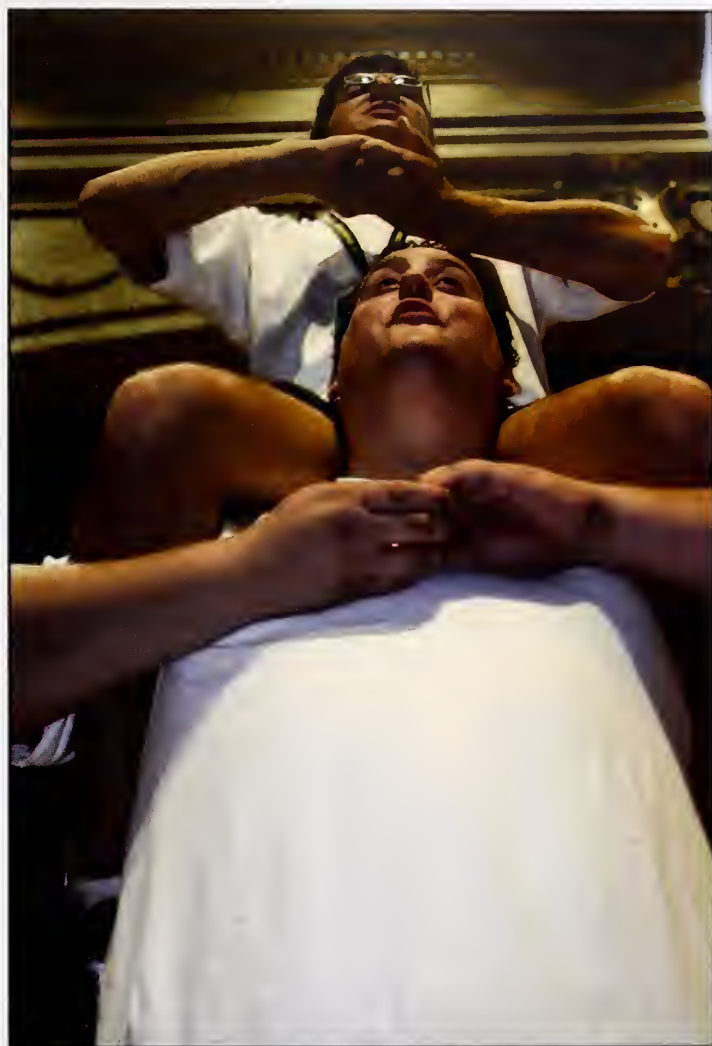
"The hypnotist was very entertaining," said Rhonda Boose. "I give him two thumbs up," Boose said.

"The entire show was very funny," said Chamar Rayburn. Dan LaRosa, the hypnotist from New Orleans was very dramatic and filled the entire auditorium with laughter.

Chelsey Smith was a stage participant and said she enjoyed the experience. Smith said, "If you are serious and have a great state of mind, you will actually get hypnotized. But, if you do not, you will not. I enjoyed it, but do not remember being five years old again."

New beginnings with new people is a new journey. This is the first step toward success, but it should be taken with as least stress as possible. Enthusiasm from the weekend's program helped to boost the students' path through faith. Students will now realize that it is more fun growing up than being grown.

Freshman Year Experience knows that with every smile and blossoming heart, there is a dream fulfilled. Annually they form a huge relationship with the freshmen class as a whole. This process makes the transition into college run much more smoothly for the incoming freshmen and transfer students. Some new students even realize that being away from home is not so bad after all. Welcome Weekend was a success and will continue to serve as an exciting and eventful experience.



Students were coaxed into a deep sleep by the hypnotist brought in to entertain the freshmen. The hypnotist is one of the most anticipated events during Golden Eagle Welcome Weekend. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

Southern Style members Adam Buckalew (top) and Chad King get hypnotized into crazy antics. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

12 teams, 4 days, 1 goal

to be the Homecoming Week Winner

Miss Varsity winner, Lyndi Lauper (Kevyn Babb, 18 from New Orleans, LA) is crowned by 2003 Miss Varsity Patrick Cliburn, sophomore from Clinton, MS. He is watched in envy by Foxy Cleopatra (Rodney Harvery) and Missy Keg Belley Ammen (Patrick Samuel Moody) Submitted photo.



Despite the shortened week due to fall break, homecoming traditions carried on. The week was packed with activities that got the entire campus involved in a fun and spirited competition. Beginning Tuesday, students arrived back from fall break early to begin work on their lawn decorations in order to be ready for judging on Saturday.

Wednesday night's homecoming kickoff introduced the twelve competing teams comprised of various organizations on campus. Also, providing lots of laughs and awestruck judges, the Miss Varsity Womanless Beauty Pageant, was held that night. Thursday's activities included the annual Fountain Sit where contestants sat in the Shoemaker Square fountain for over 12 hours and were quizzed on a variety of Southern Miss facts. Cold and wet, participants endured the challenge in order to make their teams proud by picking up points for remaining in the longest.

Friday, students painted the campus gold, as they racked up team points by sporting their "Go Gold" t-shirts and performed random acts of school spirit. The night was concluded with music and a pep rally at Friday Night at the Fountain featuring special speaker, Coach Jeff Bower. Tailgating began Friday night in the district, and the festivities continued Saturday morning with the Homecoming parade, lawn decoration judging, tailgating, and finally, the game where the Homecoming maids and queen were presented and the homecoming week winners announced.

the competition

Barbara the Butch, Robert Terese, freshman from Metairie, La. and Bonnie T, Jason Thompson, freshman from Slidell, La., eagerly await the results of the Miss Varsity Pageant. Submitted photo.



Steven Ryan (right), gets prepared to spend the day and half the night in the Shoemaker Square fountain. The fountain sit lasted into the wee hours of the morning. Participants sat in the fountain for more than 12 hours and answered Southern Miss trivia. Submitted photo.



An unidentified student stuffs a lawn decoration for the competition on Saturday. Many hours and days are spent stuffing the chain link structures into works of art that represented the homecoming theme "Treasure the Traditions." Submitted photo.



and the winners are...

Fountain Sit

David Magruder- representing Team #11: Kappa Delta, Men of Excellence and Pi Kappa Alpha

Miss Varsity Pageant

Lindy Lauper (aka Kevyn Babb)- representing Team #4: Delta Tau Delta, Freshman Associates, Hickman Hall and Kappa Alpha Theta

Lawn Decoration

1st- American Advertising Federation
2nd- Delta Delta Delta Sorority
3rd- Phi Mu Sorority

Overall Winner

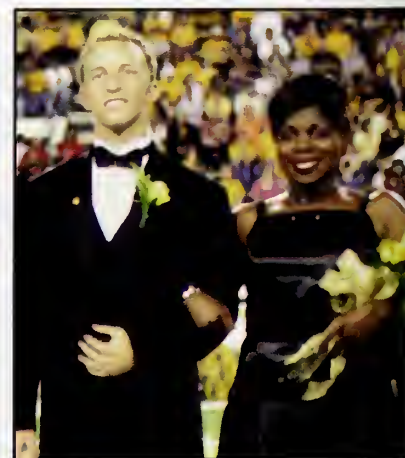
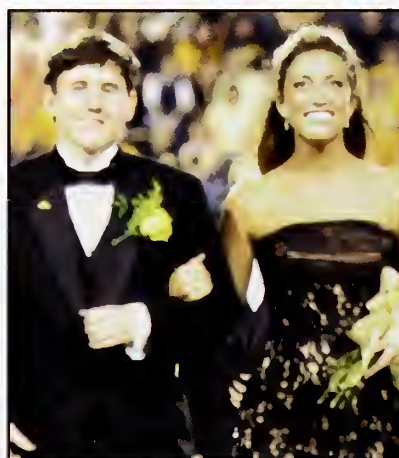
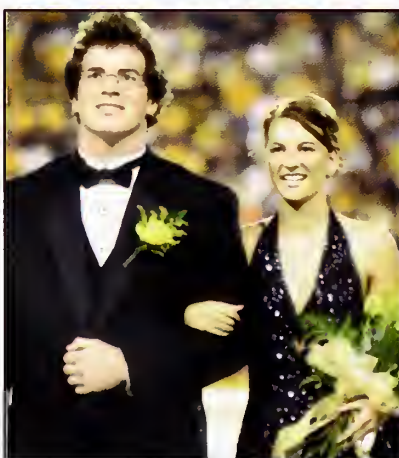
Team #11- Kappa Delta, Men of Excellence, Pi Kappa Alpha

the gala



Homecoming Queen, Allison Gouaux, is crowned by Natasha Casely-Hayford, Miss Southern. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

Freshman maid, Mary Darby, escorted by Vince Favre. Sophomore maid, Stephanie Lance, escorted by Gene Gouaux. Junior maid, Lakeisha Bryant, escorted by Neil Kirby. Senior maid, Tansy Hall, escorted by Thomas Haynes. Student Body maid, Ebony Clay, escorted by Jonatha Krebs. Graduate maid, Cindy Parnell, escorted by Chad Cornett. Photos by Jennifer Petcher



1 Queen, 6 maids

Homecoming Court

Story by Lakeshia Allen

Mary Darby Wall, general studies major, took the title as Freshmen maid. Wall sought this position as a result of the inspiration from her sorority sisters. She serves on the Delegate Junior Panhellenic Council and holds the position as president of the Freshman Leadership Council. Wall is also a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. "It was an honor to serve as one of the maids on homecoming court. I had a great time," Wall said.

Stephanie Lance, exercise science major, was the Sophomore Maid. Like Wall, it was the motivation from her sorority, Chi Omega, that inspired Lance to run for the position. Lance especially counted on the support from her family and friends during this time, but she can nevertheless always rely fall on a phrase that has consistently kept her going, "Carry every goal of life to it fullest."

Lakeisha Bryant was Junior maid. Bryant, criminal justice major, applies herself greatly to her academic and social fields. While consistently maintaining her position on the Dean's List, Bryant serves as president of the American African Student Organization and Goal Tenders. She also serves as Chaplain in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. In addition, Bryant is a part of the SGA Judicial Board and IDEAL Women. Bryant is also a Resident Assistant.

Tansy Hall was the Senior maid. Hall, economics major, said she ran for homecoming to represent the senior class while also wanting to be a part of the Southern Miss homecoming history. Hall, very active with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America and Golden Key, is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. "Seeing all the alumni participating in the various activities and seeing the school spirit of the week got me really excited for the game," Hall said.

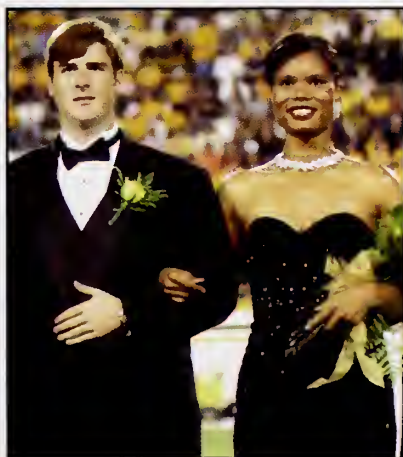
Ebony Clay, management information major and Student Body maid, said she campaigned for the homecoming court in order to leave her mark in Southern Miss history. Clay enjoys being an outgoing person and

specifically a leader. Clay is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She also participates in Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity and the Residence Hall Association. During homecoming week, Clay felt proud and welcomed all the support that she received from the student body concerning the election process.

Cindy Parnell served proudly as the Graduate Maid. Parnell, graduate speech communication student, has always enjoyed the homecoming festivities and simply wanted to have a bigger role in it. "Being able to represent the graduate class motivated me," Parnell said. She was thrilled with the idea of being announced in front of the enormous crowd at the game. "Having the opportunity to interact with a huge number of people was the greatest thing. I enjoy situations like that," Parnell said.

Allison Gouaux, public relations major, took the honor of the 2004 Homecoming Queen. The most renowned honor of them all, Gouaux was officially crowned by Natasha Casely-Hayford, Miss Southern 2004, and the former Homecoming Queen, Justice O'Keefe. Gouaux relied heavily on the encouragement of her friends and sorority sisters to run for the much recognized position of queen. Gouaux currently participates in Delta Delta Delta Sorority, Southern Style, Order of Omega and Omicron Delta Kappa all while serving as the SGA Attorney General. She was amazed by the amount of support she received from her family and high school friends. "I am honored and excited that I had the privilege of representing the University as Homecoming Queen. I cannot express how thankful I am that I was voted into this position," Gouaux said.

For the homecoming court of 2004, the day was all about representation. Members of the court proudly represented their respective classes while ultimately representing the University as a whole.



1 Last Cheer for 50 Years Dixie Darlings Anniversary

their homecoming ceremony *Story by Elizabeth Bridges*



Former Dixie Darlings took the field during halftime of the homecoming game to celebrate the Dixie Darlings' 50th anniversary. Representatives from the original squad were honored for their contribution to Southern Miss. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

The 2004 homecoming halftime show was a once-in-a-lifetime event, as the "World Famous Dixie Darlings," past and present, took the field to perform a show 50 years in the making. During homecoming activities, 250 former Dixie Darlings combined with the current Dixie Darlings to continue the treasured tradition of the precision dance that won over the Southeast and the world. Twenty-five of the original 32 Dixie Darlings were accepted into the Southern Miss Hall of Fame. The first Dixie Darling performed during halftime.

Beginning in 1954 when Raymond Mannoni attended a Senior Bowl game in Mobile, Ala., and saw the Kilgore Rangerettes perform. Astonished by their

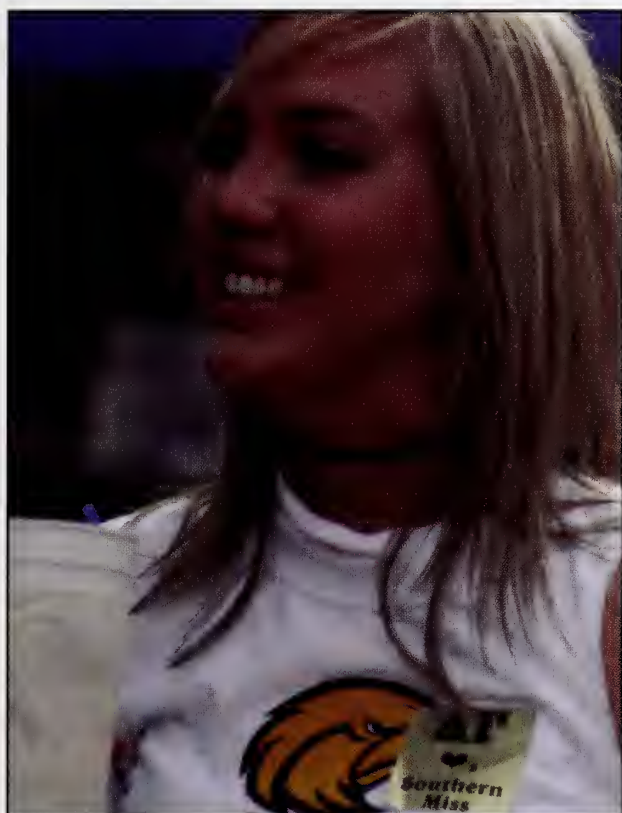
presence at the game and overall talent, Mannoni decided to start a drill team of young women to perform with the University of Southern Mississippi band. He asked Joyce Scimeca, a Rangerette, to come to Southern Miss and organize an audition.

The team was established, but they had not yet given the group a name. After several suggestions, Mannoni narrowed it down to two names: the "Dixie Dancers" or the "Dixie Darlings." It was up for the 32 original girls to decide. The original uniform was a black velvet top and shorts. The girls wore white boots with black fringe and donned white gloves. They soon became known in the media as the "World Famous Dixie Darlings," and have performed world wide.

34,422 Fans, 1 Game

Southern Miss Spirits Run High

homecoming week comes to end *Story by Janet Payne*



As homecoming week drew to a close, students and the Southern Miss community was in high spirits. Fans could be spotted all over campus, arriving early in the day to enjoy the homecoming parade. Student and community organizations as well as many of the former Dixie Darlings joined the band, cheerleaders and dancers in a spectacular parade that concluded at the Eagle Walk. Eagerly anticipating the face off between the Southern Miss Golden Eagles and the East Carolina Pirates, fans gathered all over campus for outstanding tailgating parties. They were not ashamed to show their Golden Eagle pride after they enjoyed a dynamic game and came away with a great homecoming win.

Jennie Clement, senior from Metairie, La., tailgates in the district before the big game along with many other organizations. Photo by Kiet Le



Chi Omega cheered for the Golden Eagles as they rode down Hardy Street and onto campus as part of the homecoming parade. Chi Omega was one of many greek organizations that participated in this year's parade. Photo by Janet Payne

intramurals a sport for everyone

for teams and individuals

Story by Tanesha Craig

Kickball, dodge ball and inner tube water polo are just some of the new intramural sports added to the impressive Southern Miss Intramural society. The mission statement of Southern Miss Recreational Sports is to “provide quality comprehensive programs, services, and facilities that enhance recreation and wellness for the university community.” Among the thousands of students at Southern Miss, they can truly agree that this mission statement prevails throughout each year.

From floor hockey to flag football, Southern Miss Intramural Sports staff is guaranteed to provide each and every student on this campus to have fun and excitement throughout the entire school year. More than 30 action-packed sports consist in the competitive Intramural Sports program. If you like major sports such as basketball, flag football, softball, or even volleyball, you have the golden opportunity to either join a team, or create your own. “I loved playing intramural football this fall with my sorority sisters of Pi Beta Phi. It was not only time for me to become athletically inclined, but also it gave me the opportunity to get closer to my sisters,” said Emily Vincent, junior athletic training major. For team sports, an organization’s intramural team captain may register his/her team. If you are not affiliated with a certain team, desiring to participate in a team sport can come to the Recreational Sports Office and sign up as a free agent.

One significant aspect of being apart of such an outstanding and self-motivating program such as the Southern Miss Recreational sports program is a base on grass-root principles of sportsmanship and teamwork. Sportsmanship is a key value in participating in intramural sports. The Recreational Sports staff considers sportsmanship as a vital tool in every intramural contest. To advocate this policy and philosophy of the Intramural Sports program during games, officials, supervisors and administrative personnel make decisions to warn, penalize, or in some cases even eject players/teams/sponsors for poor sportsmanship.

No hollering cheerleaders, no Dixie Darlings, no big scholarships, no noisy shot clocks, just individuals who love the game. “This is my first competing with the Intramural Sports and I love it. I am currently on the AT Outsiders Basketball team. All the practice, sweat and hard work pays off when it comes game time,” said Steven Bush, junior athletic training major. Learning more about the game and learning more about teamwork are just a few reasons to consider intramural sports. The countless amount of sweat and practice, and the love of the game give you all the reason to become apart of the team of Southern Miss’s great team.



Ben Barry, sophomore from Crystal Springs, takes his aim while competing in intramural's billiards tournament. Photo by Jessica Jackson



Tyrone Weather-spoon, senior, coaching administration major from Hattiesburg, makes a shot for his intramural basketball team Squad Up. He helped lead them to victory in the game against Da Ballerz moving them on into the championship game. Photo by Matikia Wilson



Southern Miss Tradition Tailgating game day in the district

Story by Kristy McCoy

There are certain things at Southern Miss that people just do not joke about: athletics and tailgating. Tailgating has been such a tradition at this University that the soccer field in front of the stadium been named Loyalty Field with respect to all the alumni and fans of Southern Miss that gather there before each game to celebrate with each other. It has become a big party where strangers actually become like family. Some go as far as reserving more than one spot to park so they have a big area for food, seating and other festivities.

Always in attendance is the typical tailgater. We all know him, he is the one that is dressed in all black and gold, wearing some type of crazy hat with pom poms draped from his pants and a drink in his hand. He is the epitome of the tailgater. Often times, you will see him with his children, who are either in football jerseys or cheerleader outfits. In their hands they have the "old pigskin," and they are playing their own game of catch.

For these children, tailgating is something that is ingrained in them, particularly thanks to their parents. Often, those young party animals will attend Southern Miss as adults. Anne Petty, a sophomore nursing major from Carthage, recalls her times as a young tailgater, "I began tailgating when I was six years old with my family and their friends," said Petty.

"I am now 20 years old and I still head out to the old soccer field to tailgate with my family and my college friends. I will probably carry on this tradition for years to come. My sister is already carrying on the tradition with my 18-month-old niece who comes to every game in her Southern Miss cheerleader outfit."

"The District is a great place to tailgate because when you're there, you're there for a common purpose. There are tons of organizations that tailgate in the district, but there's no division."

The Sigma Chi's come together to enjoy a great time of eating and drinking before home games at their traditional spot in The District along the stone wall. The Greek community is always well represented in The District. Photo by Kiet Le

Another great place for tailgating is in the infamous District. This is where students come, often two or three days before the game, to show their Southern Miss spirit. "The District is a great place to tailgate because when you're there, you're there for a common purpose," said Delancey Giannini, junior hospitality major from Hattiesburg. There are tons of organizations that tailgate in The District, but there's no division. You are all there to support the team instead of squabbling over petty differences," said Giannini.

Those who have never tailgated, whether in The District or at Loyalty Field, are truly missing out on one of the greatest Southern Miss traditions. "A Southern Miss football game is not a football game without tailgating," said Justin Ordwell, a sophomore history major. "It's just not the same when you don't have that large amount of fan support and kindred spirit before the games."





Three ladies show their support for the Eagles by wearing black and gold jerseys. Many tailgaters get into the black and gold spirit through apparel. Photo by Kiet Le



Supporting their fellow Golden Eagle athletics, the Southern Miss golf team (left) tailgated in the quad before the Huston game. They said tailgating is the best part of the year. Photo by Kiet Le

Tough decisions: Work vs. School

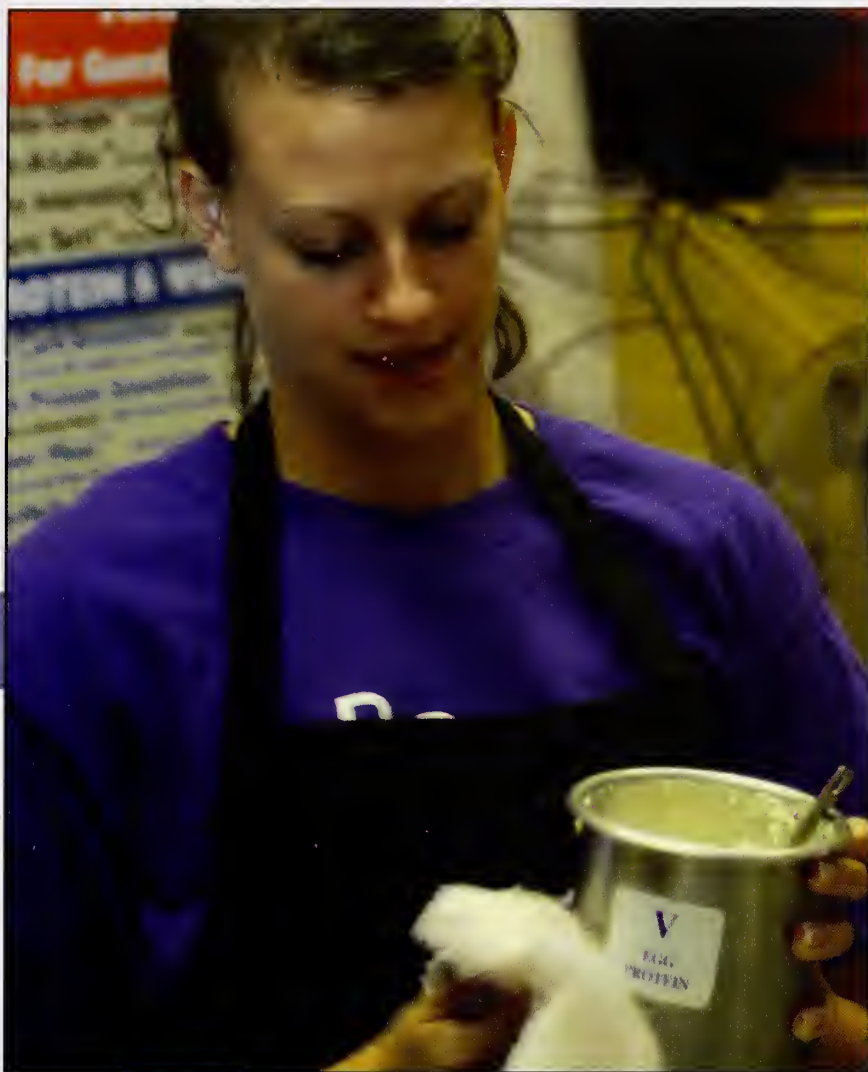
students who work and study *Story by Kimberly Johnson*



Owen Parker, sophomore computer science major, works as a desk assistant in Hattiesburg Hall. As a desk assistant, he is able to enjoy his job and mix in a little studying. **Photo by Eugene Drake**

Work is becoming increasingly common among college students. The effects of working while in college varies by the type of job held. Whether it is on or off-campus, and its relation to their academic environment, it is quite beneficial for students to work while in school, because they get a chance to earn extra money and help pay some of their bills. Not only do half of college students work, but a majority are working off-campus. Working off-campus could cause or eventually lead students to take time away from studying. "I hardly get a chance to study for my classes and do research assignments", says senior mathematics major, Jenesa Nelson. Nelson is a waitress at Fire Mountain Restaurant. "Work definitely interferes with my studies. The money distracts you because you would rather go to work than class", said Nelson.

However, students working on-campus also find working while in school quite beneficial. John Clemmons, sophomore marketing major, is a desk assistant worker on campus. Clemmons' duties include checking visitors and packages into the residence hall, providing useful information to students and helping out with maintenance requests. Although Clemmons is working up to twenty-five hours per week, he still has time to relax and focus on his studies. "I have more time to study and pay close attention to homework assignments," said Clemmons. Not only is working on campus beneficial for the students, but also for the university. "We really do depend on them and try to work with them, especially if they're good workers," said Chick-Fil-A manager Debra Stewart. "If they need to take off to study for a test, we will work with them and try to find a replacement in advance," Stewart said.



Anne Valenti, senior hospitality management major cleans a canister after mixing a customer's smoothie at Smoothing King located on Hardy Street. **Photo by Eugene Drake**

Ayeshia Fountain, freshman athletic training/sports medicine major from Fayette folds towels at the equipment check-out. Students can obtain lockers, towels and various sporting equipment from the location. **Photo by Eugene Drake**



DeUndra Kelly, sophomore athletic/physical training major, works as a cashier in the newly remodeled Seymour's. "Don't get a job while you are in school," Kelly said. "It's a lot of pressure." **Photo by Eugene Drake**

not the end but the beginning

Graduation

our legacy continues

Story by Kristy McCoy



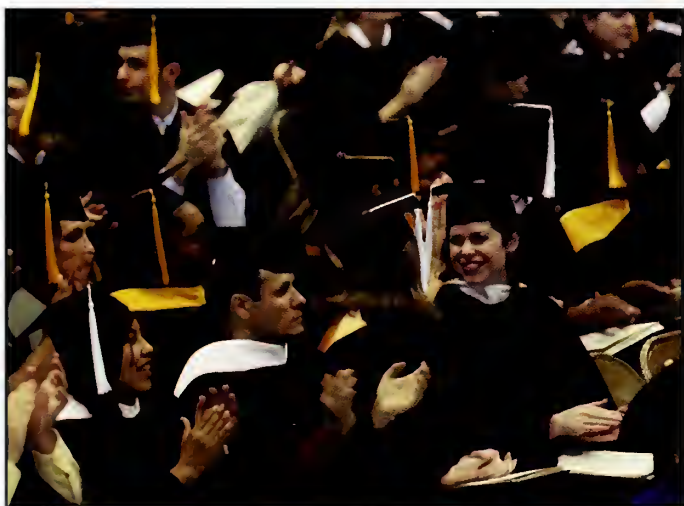
On Dec. 17, 2004, the University of Southern Mississippi held the time-honored tradition that all undergraduates look forward to from day one of orientation: Graduation. Beginning at 2 P.M., and lasting, for some, on into the night. The highlight of the ceremonies was the speech by the honored guest, Margaret A. Loesch, co-founder and managing partner of the Hatchery. The four time Emmy Award winner spoke encouragingly to the graduates to be of the experiences that shaped her life and how they all tied back to her years spent in college. She encouraged the future alumni to look forward, and not to be afraid to look back.

Lisa Mitchell, 23, from Ocean Springs and now Southern Miss alumnae with a speech communication degree, will soon be moving to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. "I feel blessed...I'm a little antsy to show the world what I'm made of," Lisa said.

Jessica Mills, 24, from Magee, was awarded a degree in speech and language pathology. According to Mills, she knew exactly what she wanted to be from the start. As Mills prepared to walk across the graduation stage, she did so with the joy that her time in college was over, and also the joy that she had obtained a job with the Ellisville State School.

Shalandria Darden, 22, from Scoba, graduated with a degree in fashion merchandising. Darden saw graduation not as the end to a journey, but as a stepping stone on her pathway to success. After graduation, Darden plans to attend Alabama A&M University to obtain her master's degree. She does so with hopes that one day she will be able to open a chain of her own stores. James Anthony Randall, from Clinton, hopes to one day open his own Engineering Consultation Firm, that is, after he attends graduate school. "I am ready for graduation to be over, because it's been so busy," Randall said.

For many graduates, graduation was the culmination of four years of stressful events and busy times. For many others, graduation was just the beginning of many more hectic times, such as that painful search for a job. For all graduates it was a time to take their place among the elite alumni of the University of Southern Mississippi, an honor given only to the best and the brightest.





Southern Miss students became proud alumni following the Fall graduation of five colleges All photo by Jennifer Petcher



Bartender, Mandy LeMoine, mathematics major from Shreveport, La., serves up drinks at the local hangout, The Library on a Thursday night. Located not far off campus, The Library is a popular place for students to go dancing and drinking. Photo by Jessica Jackson

Adam Richard, from Tennessee, and Greg Anderson, business finance major, from Wisconsin kick back some drinks at The Library. The Library is a popular hang out spot for its no cover charger and nightly drink specials. Photo by Jessica Jackson





dancing, drinking or relaxing-

night life in the hub city is “poppin”

Story by Elizabeth Kamhieh

Never a dull moment, the nightlife around Hattiesburg is buzzing with an energy and personality like never before. From the Hi-Hat to Ropers and Mugshots to The Library, the students of Southern Miss can sure count on having a good night out.

For most college students there is barely enough money to cover the necessities much less a cover charge. For that very reason, students take advantage of ladies night and all you can drink specials. The Library, with its infamous free cover charge, has been drawing an increasingly large and diverse crowd.

Stephanie Barclay, a junior public relations major said, “I like The Library because there are so many different people there. I have never been a cliquish person so I fit right in.”

A person’s musical preference can most likely be satisfied with the variety of clubs around Hattiesburg. Ropers and its country theme definitely attract a number of people. “I really enjoy the music there, plus the environment is real chill,” said Nathan Kilbourne, a senior sports administration major. “I don’t like going to other clubs because they are way too crowded.

Ropers usually isn’t too bad,” he said.

For those students that enjoy non-stop action with loud music, the Hi-Hat is the spot where anything is bound to happen. “The Hi-Hat is always poppin’,” said LaShondra Quinn, sophomore elementary education major. “It’s what I look forward to at the end of the week,” Quinn said. Likewise Darron Moore, a junior international business major said, “I love how everyone is so hyped up. After a week of nothing but classes, going to the club is like my reward.”

It is not all about dancing though, many students go out for the night just to enjoy the music and indulge themselves in the drinks. “Mugshots is cool because I can go hang out with my friends and have a few beers,” said Daniel Faden. “I have never really been into the whole dancing thing. I just go and relax,” Faden said.

Hattiesburg offers clubs and bars for every type of person. Whether it is the dancing, the music, the drinks or just the atmosphere, the students at Southern Miss have no problem finding their respective niche.



Suited for all types

“NO Payne, NO Gain”

a look at Southern Miss's Payne Center *Story by Lakeshia Allen*

A place to work out and relieve stress, the Payne Center is the recreation hub of Southern Miss. The Payne Center is full of students. Students are there for various reasons whether it is for student work, an intramural game or to get a good workout. The Payne Center not only has a great variety of equipment but they have classes for just about any type of bodily workout needed. Facility functions vary from individual workouts, classes, training and sports practice areas. With the flexible hours of classes offered, students always find the time to fit in a workout.

“I like the work out equipment and I really enjoy the classes, said Madeleine Hamilton. “I also like how the classes are offered at different times during the day. I come from a small gym and I think Southern Miss's Payne Center is great,” Hamilton said.

Not only do students see it as a big opportunity to challenge themselves and stay healthy, but the workers love it too. “It's probably the best place to work on campus,” said student worker Keeoka Moore.

Stephanie Johnson, also a student worker, said, “It's a great way to meet people and get a good life experience.” Workers enjoy the job and value the experience because of the lively, but peaceful atmosphere. “We get to deal with a variety of situations and people,” said Robert Borden, a student worker in recreational sports. Helping to promote the comfort mode of individuals is the staff's number one priority at the Payne Center.

“It's a great place to work and socialize with students, said Donnie Lindsey. Since there are always lot of students, I never get bored. The Payne Center is definitely a great place to work and meet people especially when you are a freshman,” said Lindsey.

Student worker Eric McMillian said, “Personally, being an exercise science major, I think this facility is a great place for people in my major to work. It gives hands on experience in stretching and training. When I go apply for a job, it will look good and have great affect on my resume. They offer so many programs to fit whatever people are working out on. Say for instance, you can work on whatever, whenever you want to.” The Payne Center has the works when it comes to exercising. In terms of working out, students, faculty and others want to accomplish different things.

Health issues, body toning and challenging one's flexibility and limits are the most popular reasons. “I work out to be healthy and loose weight to become more fit,” said

Contrina James.

Takeisha Bonner said, “I am going for coaching, and I am trying to stay in shape so I can be on the same level as my trainees. It plays a role in cutting down on heart attacks and heart disease, also. I have to stay in shape after eating.”

Robert Hough works out in the Payne Center to prepare himself for tryouts. “There is no where else to work out. It's on campus and its free,” said Hough. All full time students have unlimited access to the Payne Center year round.

The clean and peaceful atmosphere attracts lots of people. Many students even study while exercising. “I always study when I work out. That way I can kill two birds with one stone,” said Amanda Stewart. Lots of students see the Payne Center as a place of relief and peace of mind. Seeing many different types of people in one place is rare but this is certainly not the case at the Payne Center. “It's one of the best places to go to relieve stress,” said Zach Hunt.

Favoring the Payne Center for its environment, Aibeen Moran said, “I like it cause it's really cold in here all the time and I do not sweat as much. People leave you alone so you can do your own thing. I also like that it is healthy and clean.”

Upon entering the doors of the Payne Center, there is always peace and comfort. “People encouraged me to come in. They helped me. They are really nice and want to help you,” said Tasha Martin. Some students wish the center was open more hours for work out. “I think it should open earlier and close later on week nights,” said Rodney Johnson.





Michael Bolton (far left), a junior from Beaumont, is spotted as he bench presses in the Work Out Zone. **Photo by Eugene Drake**

Kelly Lewis, 19 from Brandon, and Diane Fagan, a recent graduate from Ocean Springs, overlook the balcony while riding the elliptical machines. The Payne Center's unique design creates an ideal work-out environment for students to enjoy. **Photo by Eugene Drake**

Matt Jackson (above), sports administration major from Pittsburg, uses dumbbells to work out his shoulders. The Work Out Zone at the Payne Center offers a wide variety of weight machines and free weights. **Photo by Eugene Drake**

a new look at downtown Hattiesburg

Eaglepalooza

a night of food, fun and music

Story by Lakeshia Allen



Gavin DeGraw headlined at Eaglepalooza and was quite popular with the crowd. He performed his hit single "I Don't Wanna Be." Photo by Eugene Drake

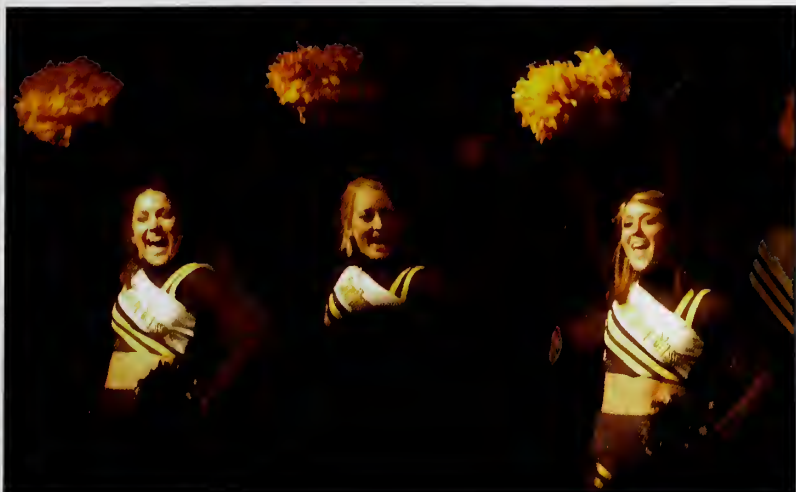
The Benjy Davis Project (right) drew quite a crowd as they performed on the stage behind Front Street just before the pep rally. Photo by Eugene Drake



Held in downtown Hattiesburg, Eaglepalooza was a concert event that brought the student body of Southern Miss and the community together. Performances began at 6 p.m., and continued until midnight on stages at Town Park and Walnut Street. Surrounding the streets were many different restaurants and vendors.

Increasing the concert's appeal, Eaglepalooza offered performances from several different bands with headliner Gavin DeGraw. Providing an easy outlet of transportation, free trolley services were arranged to run at thirty minute intervals to and from the University and downtown.

Eaglepalooza was intended to provide a new form of entertainment to the University through the combination of a concert and a pep rally all in the downtown area. Ensuring hours of entertainment, seven bands performed. These bands included the Grey Street Band, the Tip Tops, the Benjy Davis Project, Val Emmich, Michael Tolcher, Gavin DeGraw and Alcus Hudson. Also contributing to the night, a Golden Eagle pep rally



Southern Miss cheerleaders pumped up the crowd at the pep rally held on one of the stages at Eaglepalooza. Photo by Eugene Drake

Michael Tolcher, Gavin DeGraw and Alcus Hudson. Also contributing to the night, a Golden Eagle pep rally pumped up the crowd as fans prepared for the match-up against the Cincinnati Bearcats.

Organized by the Student Government Association, the event was also intended to introduce students to the downtown area and utilize all of Hattiesburg's amenities.

"The location of Eaglepalooza was awesome because it gave students a chance to see more of Hattiesburg and experience the city in a new and different way," said Amy Rogan, senior graphic communication major.

SGA expected a couple thousand people to show up with the majority being Southern Miss students.

"This is a completely new form of entertainment," said Walt Cain, SGA president. "This event is hopefully going to be very memorable," said Cain.

Prior to the days leading up to the concert, students were growing with anticipation. "I always here Gavin DeGraw's song on the radio and it pumps me up every time," said David Langston, junior history major.

"It was very fun and cultivated," said sophomore public relations major, Nicole Carpenter. "I really enjoyed it. It was a very different atmosphere and the food was great," said Carpenter.

Senior marketing major, Sarah Davis said, "It was even more successful and enjoyable than I had anticipated.

"I felt more a part of the Hattiesburg community than before," said Davis.

Kayden Nichols, sophomore sports administration major said, "I still have two more years left in school so I hope that this event becomes a tradition, maybe even to the point where we will have to have a larger place to have the event as more and more students come out."



Joanna Gaston (right), Junior from Mendenhall, enjoys the band performances at Eaglepalooza. The wide variety of bands drew many students downtown. Photo by Eugene Drake

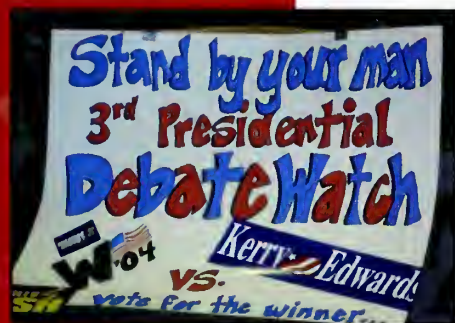
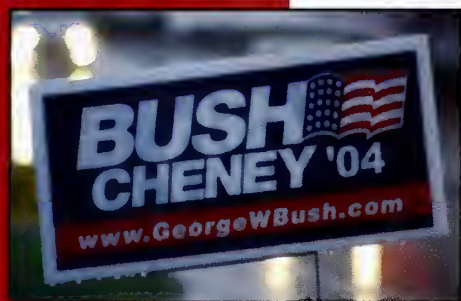


Gavin DeGraw interacts with his fans at Eaglepalooza. Many students and locals came out to see this big name star's performance. Photo by Eugene Drake

making a difference Students go to the polls

election day 2004

Story by Kathy Gilmore



Now more than ever, students at Southern Miss have gained an interest and concern during the race for president. With George W. Bush still in office, it may very well rebuild our country's reputation of justice and equality or it can crumble what our forefathers, activists and parents have worked so hard to achieve.

Megan Terry, junior elementary education major from Clinton, said the race was going to be close.

"I voted for the candidate that I believed will run our country under Christian principles," Terry said. She said people are no longer focused on the republican or democrat labels.

"This is my second time voting for a candidate running for the presidential office," said Terry. "I am going to stand behind my candidate whether some may think he did a bad job before, but I know that he will do an even better job these next four years."

Terry said she hopes Bush will continue to enforce the No Child Left Behind Act. "If he continues to push this, there will be more students ready to pursue an education on a higher level," Terry said.

Deirdre Joseph, college student personnel graduate student from McComb, said, "I did not take into account campus living, but my future after graduate school when I submitted my vote for president."

"I felt that the candidates did not focus on higher education as much as they did secondary education," Joseph said.

Joseph said she voted for the candidate that she believed will help rebuild the nation's economy and provide more opportunities in the job market and less jobs to be contracted out by other countries.

"I believe Mississippi is still in poverty because candidates do not look at Mississippi as a state to win," Joseph said. Joseph said that she wants to see improvement in the job market, more affordable healthcare and less fear of terrorism.

"I think this year's race influenced people to become more involved in what happens in America. I am glad that I did my duty as a Black American by voting even though electoral votes may weigh more," Joseph said.

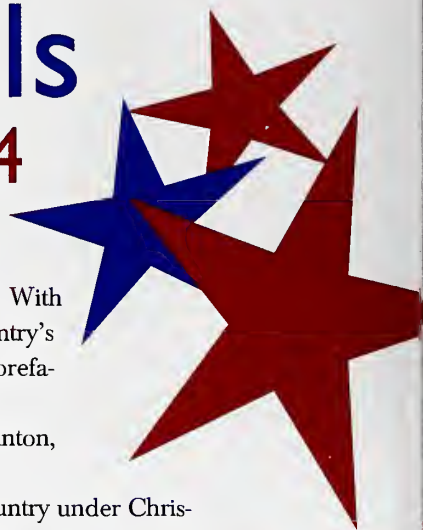
Many students at Southern Miss participated by way of absentee ballots. Tangel Patterson, senior broadcast journalism major from McComb, submitted her absentee ballot because she said she was opposed to the rise in tuition costs.

"The two percent raise in the cost of tuition has only created uneducated children with a denied dream of attending college," Patterson said.

Patterson said she voted for the candidate that motivates the nation not to remain split by disagreements, but grow to be on one accord and accepting to her career in public relations.

"This is my first time voting in a presidential election and I feel like a proud citizen," Patterson said. Patterson said she hopes Bush will endorse programs for every major so students can be prepared for work while learning in college.

Ashley Lacey, junior broadcast journalism major from Canton, said, "I voted for the candidate I felt was going to reinstate Medicare benefits for senior citizens, sufficient resources for mothers on welfare and a bigger tax cut."





Students stand in front of Strick's on Fourth street holding signs, urging the people of Hattiesburg to vote for the Southern Miss Bond Issue. The bond issue was supposed to provide Southern Miss with \$5.2 million to fund the revamping of M.M. Roberts stadium, along with other educational facilities. However, the bond issue was defeated. Photo by Eugene Drake



Sarah Young, freshman from Hattiesburg, and John Clemmons, sophomore marketing major from Columbus, board the shuttle to return to campus from the voting precinct. SGA provided a shuttle to take students to the voting precincts. Photo by Eugene Drake

John Ellzey, (above) 18, freshman from Daphne, Ala., campaigned for Kerry. Believing in his chosen candidate, Ellzey said, "Vote Kerry- nothing will happen until we do something about it" Photo by Eugene Drake



Quincy DeJarnet of Gulfport, bonds with the children who attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day carnival at Pine Haven apartments hosted by Campus Link. Submitted photo



Giving back Reaching out to the community

students becoming volunteers

Story by Tanesha Craig



Pat Huff, anthropology graduate student, tutors a young girl as part of the service learning program that students can get involved in. Submitted photo

From picking up trash to building new homes for the needy, there are hundreds of opportunities for students to volunteer through community service. Out of the 250 organizations and affiliations on campus, almost every organization listed serves some type of community service. Any and everyone can serve their community; there's definitely no requirement when it comes to helping your community.

Matthew Gordon, senior sculpture major and member of AmericaCorp, volunteers 40 hours a week. "AmericaCorp is partners with the Big Brother/Big Sister program where we mentor young boys and girl. It is very rewarding to help others and serving those who are in need," Gordon said.

"As a Christian, I feel that it is our duty and obligation to help those who are need," Gordon said.

Habitat for Humanity is one of the most popular community service groups on campus. Within this organization sororities, fraternities and other independent groups on campus volunteer one day out of the weekend to help build and create new homes for unfortunate families.

April Ingram, freshman sports administration major, said involvement in the community is essential. Ingram said, "I participated in volunteering with the Goal Tenders and also the Habitat for Humanity...being involved in the community showed me how important it is to help others."

The Office of Community Service and Learning Coordinator, Sarah Dixon, is one of the many staff members of the OCSL on campus. Dixon works with over 90 agents in Hattiesburg and surrounding areas.

"We volunteer with organizations both on and off the Southern Miss campus," Dixon said.

"The most rewarding thing that I get from working here is the joy of seeing students when they are excited about serving their community," Dixon said.



Doug Calhoun of Bar Harbor, Maine, paints at the Habitat for Humanity house. He is part of the NCCC team and worked with a group of twelve people on this project. Submitted photo

celebrating a heritage Honoring Black History remembering the heroes

Story by Lakeshia Allen

This year's theme, "Through Our Past, We Have a Future: A Patchwork in Progress," suggests that each day is a new beginning of a historical event in various occasions of celebration. Some happy, some sad, but together they all form inspiring and admiring moments of faith.

"Black History Month is a time when you reflect on your past, present and future, said Aimee Brown-Williams, junior elementary education major. "You think about the sacrifices that have been made for you to be where you are at," Brown-Williams said.

"You spend time with your family and loved ones, and you celebrate," Brown-Williams said.

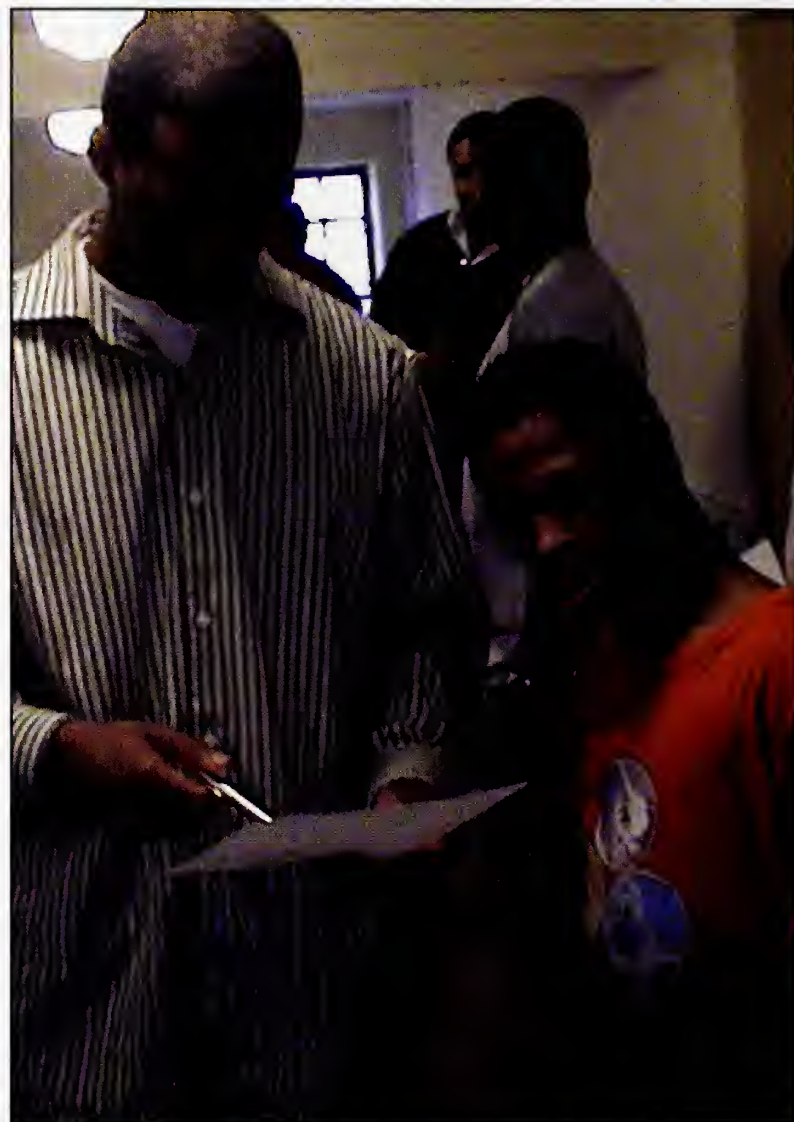
Black history month involved many people in many ways. Various organizations, sororities and fraternities throughout the University of Southern Mississippi campus came together to form a month of African-American pride. These organizations, sororities and fraternities included: African American Student Organization, NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Omega Phi Psi, Kappa Alpha Psi, Sigma Gamma Rho, Zeta Phi Beta, Phi Beta Sigma, Men of Excellence, University Activities Council and the Tuskegee Committee.

Many events were hosted and several different issues were addressed in forums and lectures. Various Black authors such as J. L. King and Kimberla Lawson Ruby, visited the campus. This month was made to be exclusively entertaining through games, dance programs and poetry programs of Black history. Black History Month at Southern Miss was devoted to empowering the minds of the youth and carrying on into the future.

"I think black history is motivating to me," said Crystal Clark, junior biological science major.

"To be able to look back and see what my ancestors have done for me makes me want to be successful," Clark said. "We can not stop the dream, we must keep striving, we must not let their fighting be in vain," Clark said.

So many people risked their lives and their family lives to save ours. We have many advantages today because of the past. Therefore, we must endure what the past has to offer and make a better future using the power that was given to us. Our ancestors believed better was possible.



A VISION student helping a Palmer's Crossing student with the scavenger hunt. Students had to locate fact sheets that were hidden around the center and match clues about important figures in Black History. Submitted photo

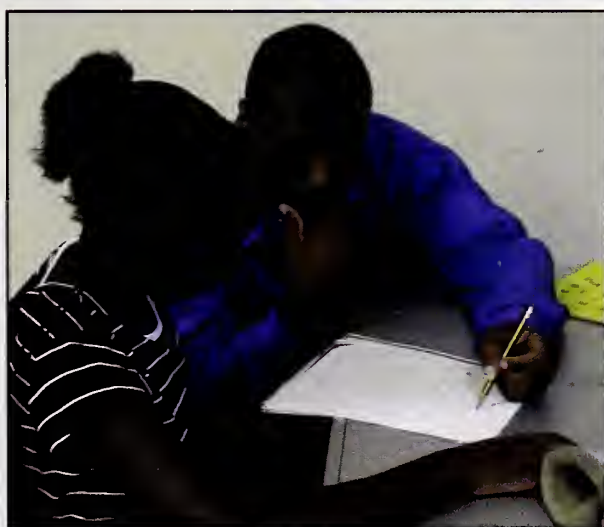
Seniors Alexis Miller and Courtney Gressett proudly participated in AKA's "Patchwork Quilt: Mending Black Culture through Time" featuring Seven Shades of Black program. Submitted photo

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

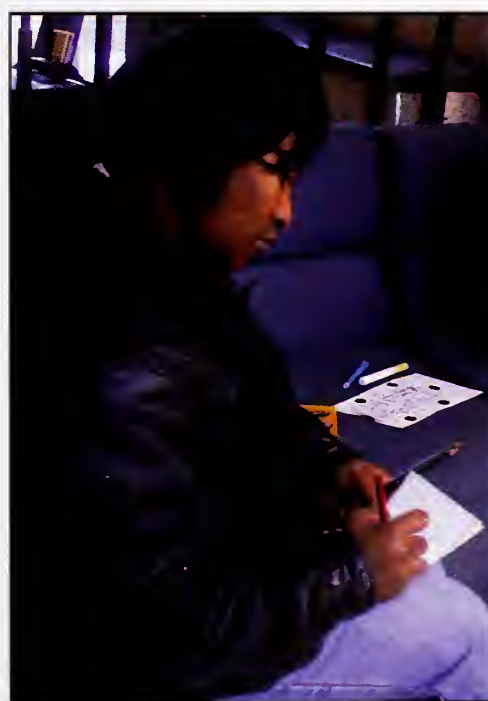


Students honored the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in January by holding a day of service. Organized by the Office of Community Service Learning, various groups took part in the day of celebration and participated in a wide range of events including a children's carnival, AKA Christian Service and making goodie bags for residents of the Bedford Care Center.

AKA went to Christian Services to serve daily lunches on the Day of Service. Submitted photo



Richard Thompkins, an AmeriCorps Campus Link member, helping a student from Earl Travillion Attendance Center with her homework at the Peanut Butter Party celebrating George Washington Carver. Submitted photo



American Humanics organization made goodie bags with notes and fruit for residents at Bedford Care Center on the MLK Day of Service. Submitted photo



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President Shelby Thames

A letter from the president of the University

The University of Southern Mississippi has been an integral part of my life for 38 years. I have been a student, professor, administrator and now president of Southern Miss. My children all attained degrees from this fine institution and my grandchildren are doing the same. I am proud to be a part of the Southern Miss family, and it is my hope that every student who enters our doors will leave with the same pride I feel.

Students are our number one priority at The University of Southern Mississippi. The thing I enjoy most about my job is visiting with students. Whether through email correspondence, one-on-one meetings, Tuesday's at Two with Thames or talking with student groups across campus, I enjoy hearing what our students are doing. I like to hear their concerns, their challenges and their successes.

One thing I always ask students while talking with them is "why did you choose Southern Miss?". I have found that whether they were coming here because of our music program or because their lifelong dream has been to become a nurse, there is always one common theme in their response. Every student either tells me they "felt comfortable here" or they "felt like Southern Miss was home".

At Southern Miss we pride ourselves in the fact that we have created a place where students know they

can follow their dreams and reach their full potential on an academic level and also find their niche within student organizations, service groups and extracurricular activities. We provide an environment where they can be themselves while they are pursuing their academic interests. They can be who they are and they don't have to change to fit a particular mold. Our students are individuals. They each bring their own strengths and have their own interests, and we provide an environment that promotes leadership by providing opportunities such as engaging cultural experiences, challenging curriculum, one-of-a-kind research for every student.

Our university has worked hard to offer a robust environment where leaders are developed. Our campuses foster an open, accepting, and diverse academic environment and learning experience.

We boast strong academic programs and have some of the most prestigious faculty in the nation. Our faculty and staff are readily accessible to our students and are quick to meet their needs while challenging their minds.

At Southern Miss, we are "Freeing the Power of the Individual". There is a power, and a strength, within every single one of our students. It is our job to give them the tools and the support to find their power and reach their full potential of success.

Verlene Jackson, a Senior social work major, Sadie Davis a Junior elementary education major, and senior biology major Wes Stuart (standing) share their human biology notes from class. Photo by Melissa Roughton



Carl Keenan, helps Sheena Smith, 23, elementary education major, find a journal article on Microfische. The information desk of the library offers assistance to many students. Photo by Melissa Roughton

A photograph of a library. A young woman with long dark hair, wearing a black sleeveless top and light-colored pants, is standing in an aisle between tall bookshelves. She is looking down at a book she is holding. The bookshelves are filled with books of various colors. In the background, there are windows with blinds. The ceiling has a grid pattern with some recessed lighting.

Gulf Coast

An anchored dual campus *Story by Kimberly Johnson*

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast is a dual campus, which has the same pursuit of the same goals as University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. Both campuses have many traditions, dedicated teachers and beautiful locations.

"The students are the highest priority of both campuses," said Terry Miles, a graduate public relations student from Gulfport.

There are 14 new faculty members for the fall. One of the 14 was a former teacher from the Hattiesburg campus, Dr. Margaret Smith. Dr. Smith previously taught foundations and educational law classes on the Hattiesburg campus but will now teach at Gulf Park.

Also new to the campus this year was an increase in enrollment by 19 percent, advancing attendance of the Gulf Coast campus to over 2,000 students. Although the campus is small, it is very convenient for students.

This intimate environment allows smaller classes giving students an opportunity to understand the courses effectively without a lot of distractions.

"Since the classes are small, I can get a one-on-one understanding of the class", said Marilyn Anderson, a senior accounting major from Escatawpa.

"This campus has teachers that are willing to go an extra mile to help their students," Anderson said.

Also a convenience, the Gulf Coast campus is in a great location to serve the growing population of residents on the Gulf Coast. As a result, many students, specifically non-traditional students, can still go to school while maintaining a job and a family.

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Beth Ardila, 26, junior nursing major looks for books in the library for nursing. The stacks are located on the second floor.
Photo by Melissa Roughton

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Although the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast is small, it has not disrupted the amount of student involvement on campus.

There are various activities from blood drives to voter registration and musicals. Each Tuesday during the fall semester, students and faculty members enjoy the one hour Tuesday Afternoon Musicals, which feature artists from the University's College of Arts and Letters in the lobby of the Advanced Education Center.

Among other forms of musical performances on campus is the Caribbean Jazz concert which opened for their second season of the Ambassador Series at the University on September 30, 2004. The Department

or Marketing and Public Relations hosted many professional academic performances throughout the school year, particularly Managing Globalization: The Role of Business and the State.

The one day conference brought many politicians, businessmen and university professors together to discuss how globalization is affecting the Gulf Coast and the rest of the region. Some of the featured speakers were Congressman Gene Taylor, Mississippi Sen. John Harhn, Bobby Landry of the New Orleans Port Authority and Steve Cox of Caesars Entertainment.

The elementary education students were learned real world teaching techniques as they practiced with the North Gulfport seventh and eighth grade students.



The Administration Building on the Gulf Coast Campus houses the financial aid office, business office, office of admissions, and the bookstore. Photo by Melissa Roughton



As these future teachers applied their techniques in the classrooms, they gradually developed their teaching skills and instructional strategies by doing one-on-one tutoring with the elementary students.

In the nursing department, students and emergency professionals put their knowledge to practice by performing CPR on Laerdal SimMan, a computerized patient simulator.

Laerdal SimMan is a full-body mannequin that breathes and produces computerized responses. SimMan has a heart, bowel sounds and pulses that can be felt. SimMan has a unique patented airway that allows for insertion of a breathing tube and the practice of multiple Advanced Life Support skills. SimMan is

capable of red lining specifically for the purpose of placing nursing students and emergency professionals in a realistic situation. SimMan representative, Joe Huse, Southern Miss is the first in the state to purchase the \$38,000 revolutionary mannequin. This computerized stimulator will soon be the center of high-tech training at the Southern Miss's Gulf Park campus.

Overall, The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast has the capability to compete with other campuses across the nation. Between the increase in student involvement and the addition of highly accredited faculty members, the Gulf Coast campus continues to broaden its appeal.



Courtney Lofton, 20, junior elementary education major sits in the Friendship Oak at the Gulf Park campus of Southern Miss while studying for a class. Photo by Melissa Roughton



The Holloway Complex is named after Joe E. Holloway, the first executive dean at the Gulf Park Campus. The Holloway Complex houses the Elementary Education Program. Photo by Melissa Roughton

Career Fair

Benefits to the students *by Kendra Blakley*

The career fair happens twice a year and students of Southern Miss make sure to take advantage of the opportunity to speak to various companies with the hopes of gaining an upper hand on the job front.

The career fair is exclusively for students and alumni of Southern Miss. In order to house this event, the Payne Center is reserved. Approximately 100 companies from various areas came to network with the students and discuss job opportunities. These job possibilities ranged from government contracting to public relations.

Laurie Abu-Saoud, supervisor of career fair, said that the turn out for the fair was quite dismal this year. "Hopefully the next time there will be more participation from students," Abu-Saoud said.

"What we hope to accomplish with career fair is to show the employers that there are many students here are ready and eager to work. Hopefully this will bring other companies into the mix," said Abu-Saoud.

"The career fair is a direct link for students to the world of the work force," said Abu-Saoud.

Abu-Saoud said, the purpose of the career fair is to help students gain employment and for employer's to gain employees.

Attendees of the career fair are essentially entering a corporate environment thus making professional attire a must. Also in order to present a sense of professionalism, students had copies of their resumes ready to hand out to future employers.

Some students attended career fair as a class assignment, while others like Justin Smith, a broadcast journalism major, went to see if they had any job offerings specific to his major.

Smith said that he walked away with the knowledge that the job market is hard, and experience is important.

Candace Coker, a nursing major, said, "Students should attend the career fair because there are lots of people from different fields of work that can be beneficial to talk to."

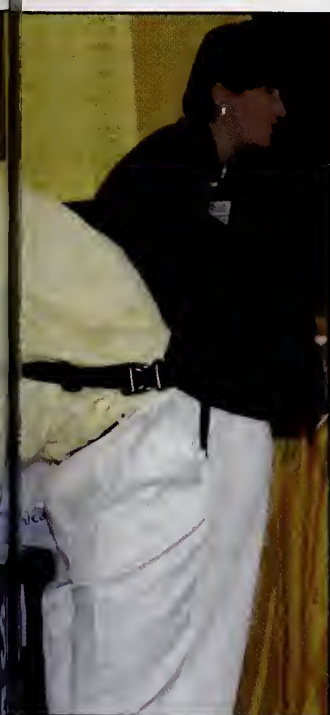




Nichole Nation, a junior banking and finance major, and Michelle McFaul, a senior accounting major, talk to a representative from the Isle of Capri Casinos. **Photo by Matikia Wilson**



Students sign in before entering the career fair. Each semester a career services sponsors a career fair at the Payne Center. **Photo by Matikia Wilson**



Rashad Bates, a sophomore paralegal studies major, looks at the Mississippi College School of Law booth. **Photo by Matikia Wilson**



Administration justice graduate student Jessica Pearce, (right) is an intern with the FBI Special Agent booth. Marie Wash and Alexis Sanders speaks with Pearce about possible opportunities with the FBI. **Photo by Matikia Wilson**

Career Services

Life after college *Story by Nichole Cyprian*

Career Services offers help for students in two locations. The office of Career Services has been available for students in McLemore Hall for quite some time now. But business students need to know that those same services are also available for them on the second floor of Joseph Green Hall.

In Joseph Green, business students have the same options as other students, yet the options are catered towards the world of business. The large number of students within the department can now have their specific needs served.

From freshmen to seniors, the Career Services help students explore their career options and connect with employers about job opportunities. Amy Yeend, assistant director of Career Services for the College of Business, said students should not feel as if they are alone. "Career Services helps students prepare for life after college. We help with resumes, provide interview rooms for employers, and make sure that everything is

very professional," said Yeend.

Career Services has sponsored career fairs, visited University 101 classes and posted advertisements in an effort to inform university students about their options. The monthly newsletter 'Briefcase Briefs' is distributed within the College of Business to give students tips on surviving the current job market. The newsletter provides updates to students about business-related events and interviews that will take place on campus throughout the semester.

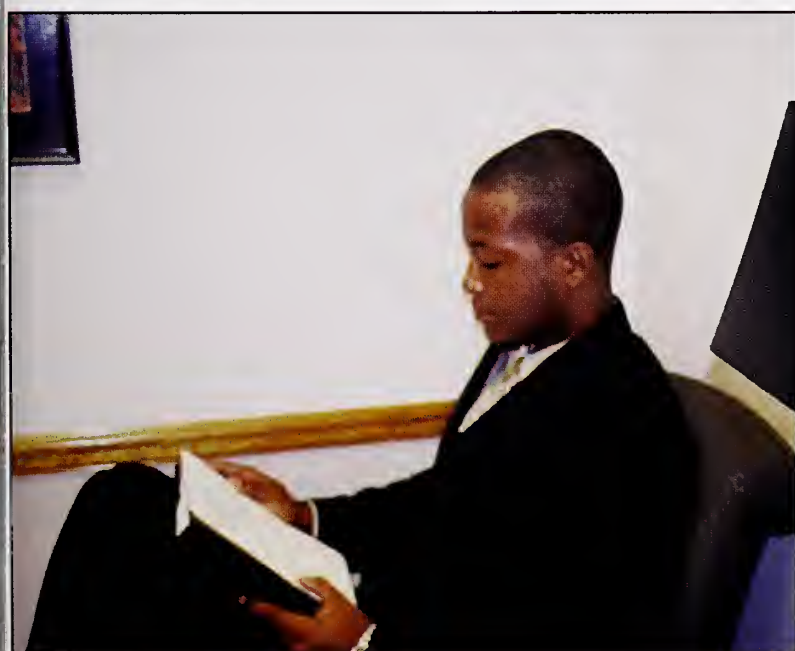
Yeend advises freshmen and sophomores to start considering career interests and applying for internships.

"It is never too early to begin. The earlier you start, the more opportunities that you have," Yeend said. She also stresses that opportunity depends on the job search strategy. "Students should spend at least five hours a week searching for a job. It is all about exploring your career options," Yeend said.

Senior Jerry Heidelberg Jr. is reviewing his resume before going to an interview. Career Services offers help with building a resume and posting it on the web. **Photo by Matikia Wilson**



Tony Pelusi, 37 of Gautier talks to Amy Yeend about different careers to be chosen. Career Services guides students to a career path that is best suited for them with career counseling and interest testing. Photo by Matikia Wilson



Amy Yeend, assistant director of Career Services, works in Room 207 of Joseph Green. Students can take a mock interview to relieve the pressures of doing the real thing. Career Services is able to set up interviews between students and employers. Photo by Matikia Wilson





Study Abroad

The ability to view the world *Story by Elizabeth Kamhieh*

Becoming relatively common to study abroad, more and more students are contemplating the opportunity to advance their degree by traveling to different countries. College students often find that the benefits of studying abroad persist well beyond the plan ride home.

"It will change your life," said Emily Wilcox, a senior international studies major. "You'll come back a new person," Wilcox said.

For years, the benefits of study abroad have been described in these words. "Overall, I learned a lot more about myself in that one semester than I did in the three and a half years in my home school because of the unique space in which I learned, experienced and spent exploring another culture," said Wilcox, Wilcox studied independently in Germany.

As a result of studying abroad, many students said that they now seek a greater diversity of friends. Wilcox said, "The experience of living and studying in another country was so eye-opening.

"It tested preconceptions and habits I wasn't even aware were so ingrained in me," Wilcox said.

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To study abroad offers students a chance to take an active role in their studies. One student stands tall in the highlands of Scotland. Submitted photo.



Study Abroad

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For many years, conventional wisdom in the study abroad field has been that "more is better," that is the longer students study abroad, the more significant the academic and cultural development and personal growth benefits. Although this idea may hold true, Amy McManus, a senior speech communications major, thinks otherwise.

"I studied in Mexico for six weeks and I definitely feel that it was just as successful as a semester long program." Although McManus is not fluent in the language, she feels she has gained more self-confidence from the trip.

"Before I went, I was so scared of making a mistake whenever I spoke. But as time went on, I was so much more comfortable with myself and the language," McManus said.

As apart of the study abroad program, it is often highly suggested that students live with families in order to gain a full perspective of the culture in addition to the language. By doing this, the transition from one culture

to another is perhaps smoother and access to making new friends is in consequence inevitable.

Continuing to serve students long after their study abroad experiences are the language skills gained.

"While I was there I wasn't fluent but I applied the things I learned to what I am studying now and I am slowly but surely reaching the brink of fluency," said McManus.

Ultimately, studying abroad deals with more than just learning a language. "My time there fundamentally changed how I view the world and has given me the ability to view the world, and it's issues, from several perspectives," said Jonathan Acosta, a junior history major.

Lindsay Hutton, a graduate student who lived in France for a year and studied in Eurocentre en Amboise for a month said, "I learned that people are people.

"People are everywhere in a basic sense and we all relate to one another," Hutton said.



With the geography program, students visit the white sands of Europe. Study abroad offers a chance learn from a real world perspective. Submitted photo.

While studying abroad, students have the chance to do a little sight-seeing in the area. Pictured with the castle is the famous site of the Loch Ness. Submitted photo.

College of Arts & Letters

A program harmonized by composition *Story by Lakeshia Allen*

The College of Art and Letters focuses on the artistic values of education. The college not only teaches students to do specific things but also how to apply it to daily life. It gives students the opportunity to express themselves to the public through music and art among other things.

The College of Art and Letters includes several different departments with the general goal of helping students apply themselves optimistically. The college is made up of fourteen departments: Aerospace Studies, Anthropology and Sociology, Art, English, Foreign Language, History, Interior Design, Mass Communication and Journalism, Military Science, Music, Philosophy and Religion, Political Science, Speech Communication and Theatre and Dance.

Artistically inspired, the music department is a program of harmonized composition. It teaches students to use their talents as a reflection to others. It offers a great value of performance and individual musical conjunctions. The department was a part of the National Association of Schools of Music. Students are given the opportunity to experience what a professional life would be like in the field of music. Success in this field of study requires individuals to invest greatly in themselves to achieve and utilize every level of their talents.

Trevor Hunt, senior music performance guitar major, said there is a great amount of talented musicians and teachers at Southern Miss. Hunt said that every student should make it a priority to attend at least one symphony and art exhibition.

"I would really love to see more involvement and support in the arts. That aspect is very important to me," Hunt said.

Claudia Martinez, senior music education major from Honduras, Central America, is particularly fond of the orchestra and thinks the other departments should apply more encouragement. Martinez said she enjoys the music department because it prepares her for a professional job and allows her to help others learn about music and composers.

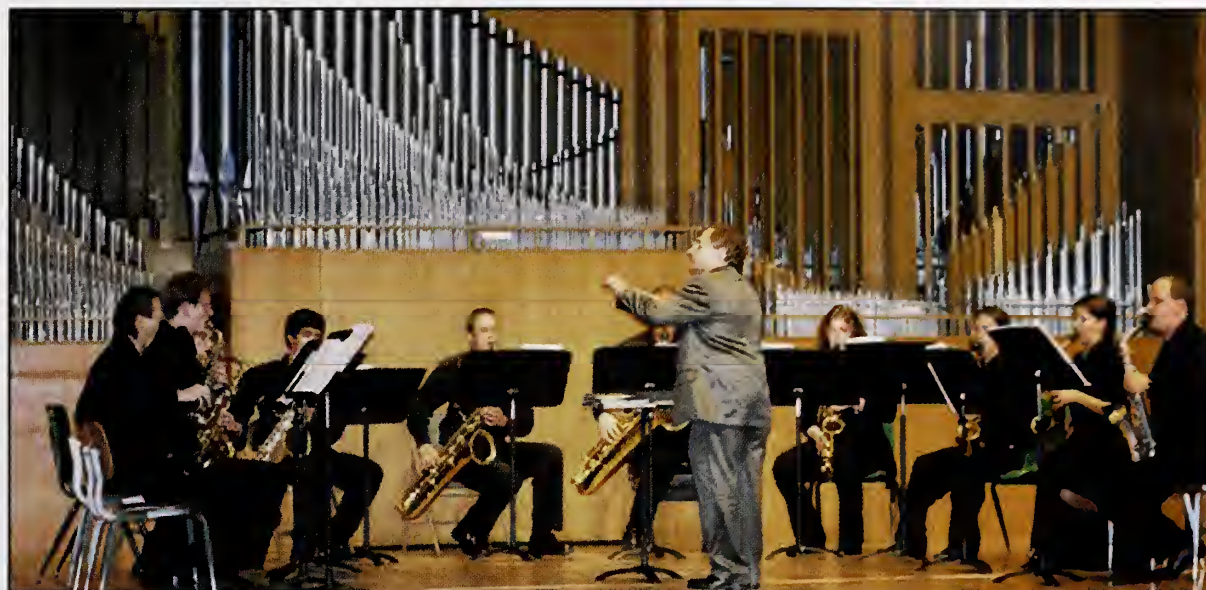
"I hope to have the opportunity to audition for schools," Martinez said.

"Americans have a lot of opportunities here, where I am from we really have to work hard to get what we want," Martinez said.

Steve Moser, the assistant director of the music department, said it is critical that students get the opportunity to perform and gain experience pertaining to music. He said that music cannot be taught or performed without having great experience.

"It takes superior work to be optimistic," Moser said. "The department is strong, steady and continually moving forward," Moser said.





The Sax-Chamber-Orchestra Concert was held in October of 2004. The orchestra has toured around the nation, and even has a CD entitled "America Remembers". Photo by Latisa Virgil

(left) Logan Lindsay, music major from Saint Louis, Mo., Ashley Sample, music major from Clearmont, N.D., and Heather Spicer, music major from Alexandria, Ky., rehearse a piece titled "Benediction." Photo by Jessica Jackson

The Steel Band performs for a variety of programs on campus. The types of music performed include calypso and soca tunes. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

College of Business and

"A good stepping stone" Story by Nichole Cyprian

The College of Business is one of the University's premier colleges on campus. Located in Joseph Greene Hall, the college is an accredited institution dedicated to the development of student careers.

The college provides services to students, ranging from an open computer lab to a Career Services branch. The college has developed many different organizations open to business students on both the undergraduate and graduate levels. A study abroad program is also available to students, as well as financial assistance and honor societies, for those with high scholastic and academic achievements.

The different majors within the College of Business are all divided into six distinct departments, including: accountancy and systems, economic development and planning and management and marketing. From there, each department is split into distinct majors.

The atmosphere in Joseph Greene Hall is also unique amongst the colleges at Southern Miss. The College of Business carries the *Wall Street Journal*, free of charge, in newspaper bins scattered through the building.

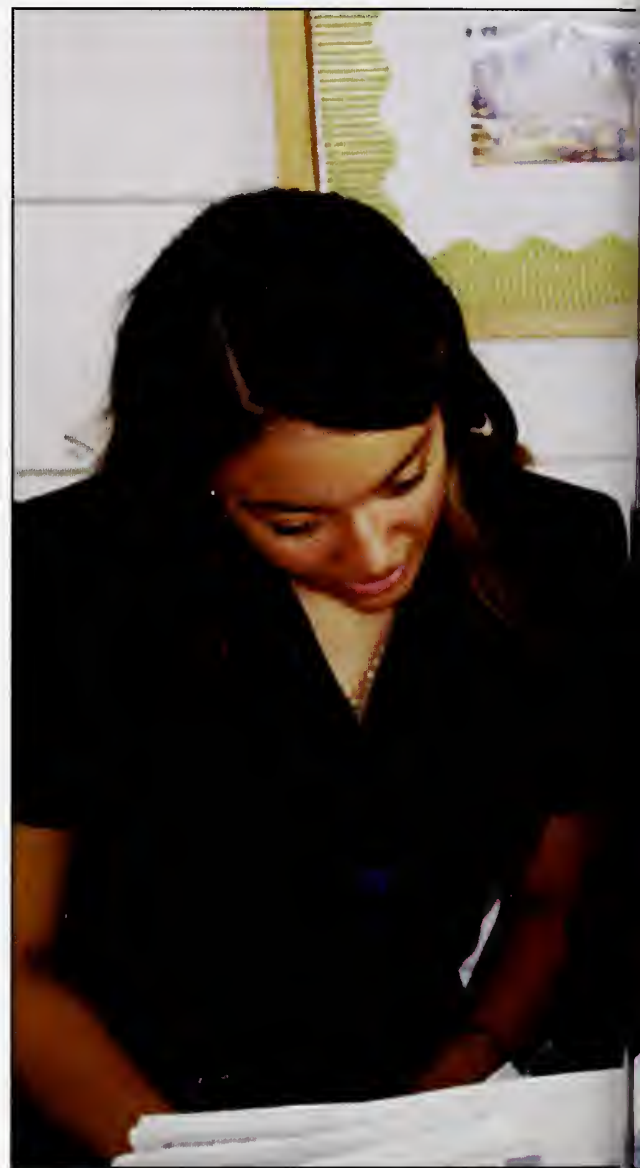
Many business majors rely on the Journal to keep them informed of worldwide business ventures and financial affairs; however, non-majors are welcome to the publications, as well. In fact, a number of students who read the journal are not business majors.

Tammy Owens, freshman social work major, said she picks up the paper every morning on her way to her sociology lecture. "I love to learn and I enjoy being economically literate," Owens said.

Though some students read the Journal for leisure, many students are required to read the paper for class. The Wall Street Journal contains articles and graphs that some professors find relevant to material being discussed in the classroom. Those who do not have mandatory assignments still read the paper to stay aware of issues within their major.

Although he finds the Economist more balanced for his major, Jeff Bivins, international business major, still finds the Journal useful.

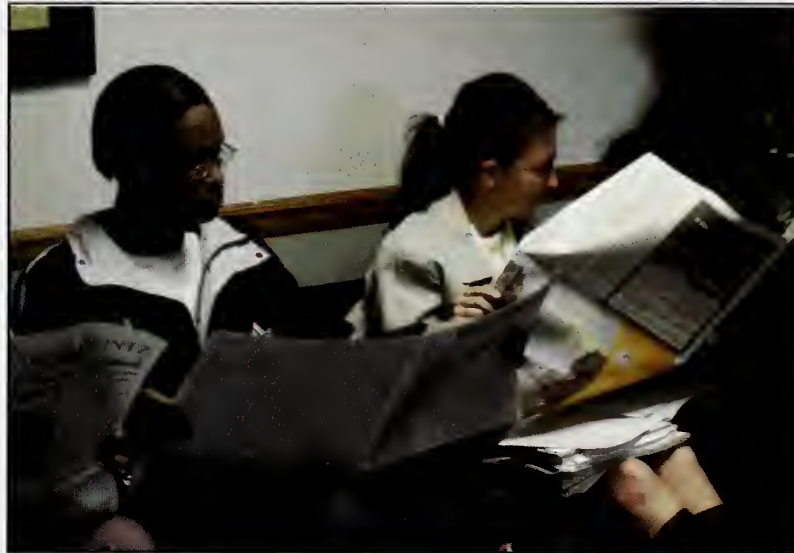
"As an international business student, I find The Wall Street Journal to be a good stepping stone from a broad U.S. business standpoint," Bivins said.



Economic Development



Kim Lockett, a business administration major from Mendenhall, and Ashley Asken, 23, of Brandon, read the headlines while on break. The Journal helps students to become more aware of the business world around them. **Photo by Matikia Wilson**



Senior international business major Ajae Smith, and Emily Gatlin, a senior accounting major, sit between classes and read the Wall Street Journal. The journal is distributed to students every weekday. **Photo by Jamal Jones**



Dwana Haley, a fashion merchandising major from Wiggins, is reading the Journal before class. Business students also have access to the Journal online with SOAR. **Photo by Matikia Wilson**

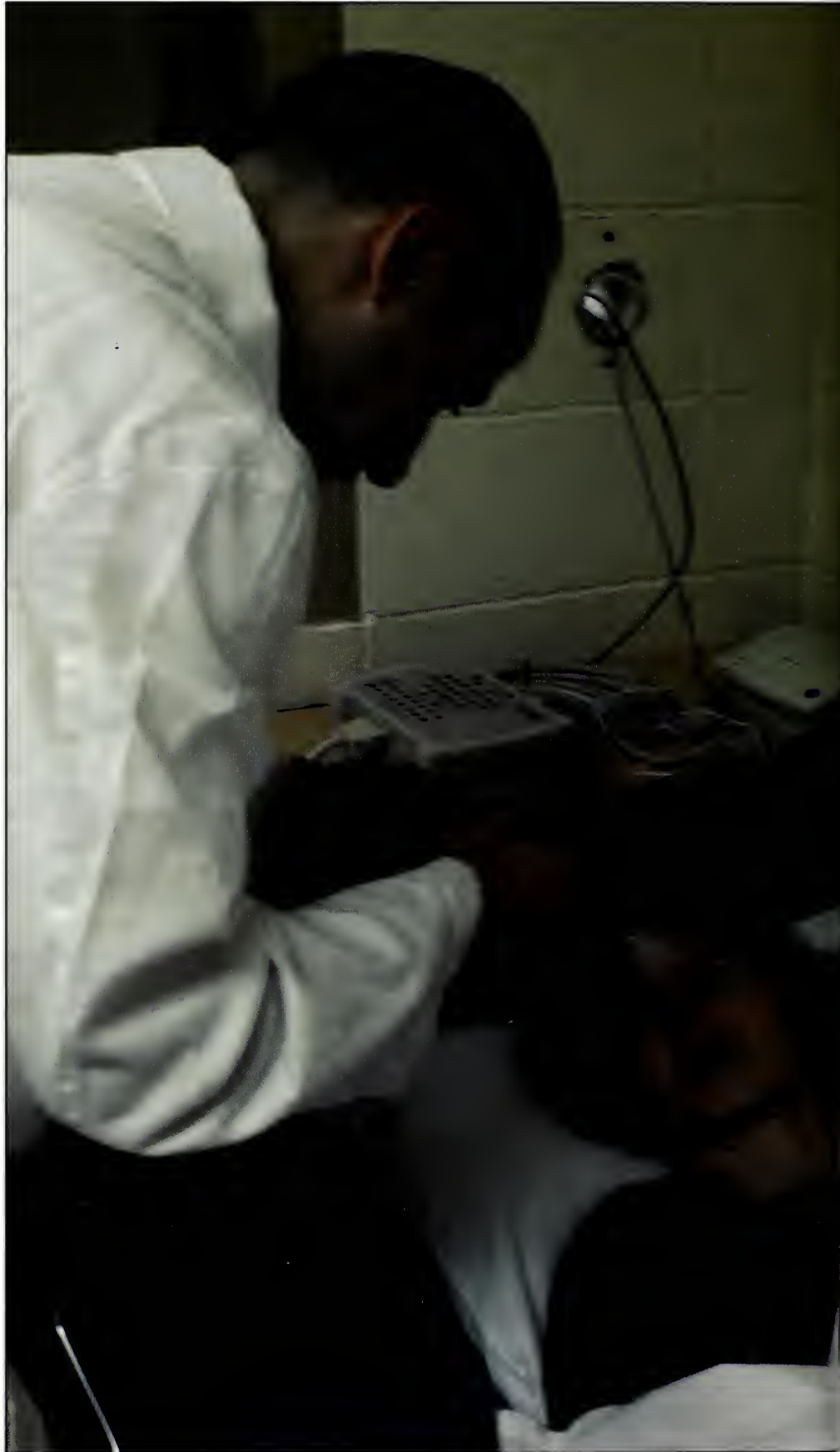
College of Education and

The study and research of our dreams *Story by Kristy McCoy*

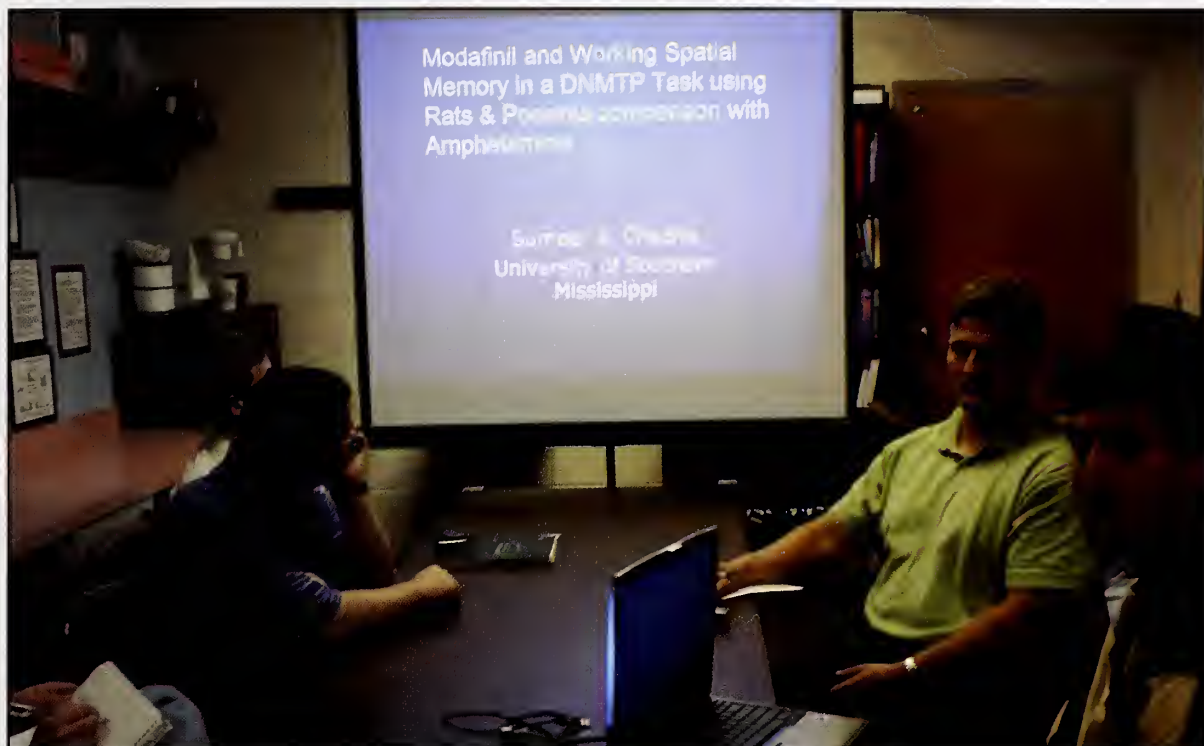
The College of Education and Psychology at the University of Southern Mississippi has long been known for its various studies and experimental research and maintain some of the best programs for clinical psychology in the nation. Southern Miss is also home to one of the top graduate studies in psychology programs in the United States. The psychology department is one of the largest departments on campus and attracts many students.

The psychology faculty is also known for their scholarly articles they have published. Each member of the faculty has an area of specialty and emphasis: sleep, behavior, social, neuroscience, abnormal psychology, child and family counseling. The department features numerous choices for new students to study including: curriculum and instruction, child and family studies, elementary education and family and consumer sciences.

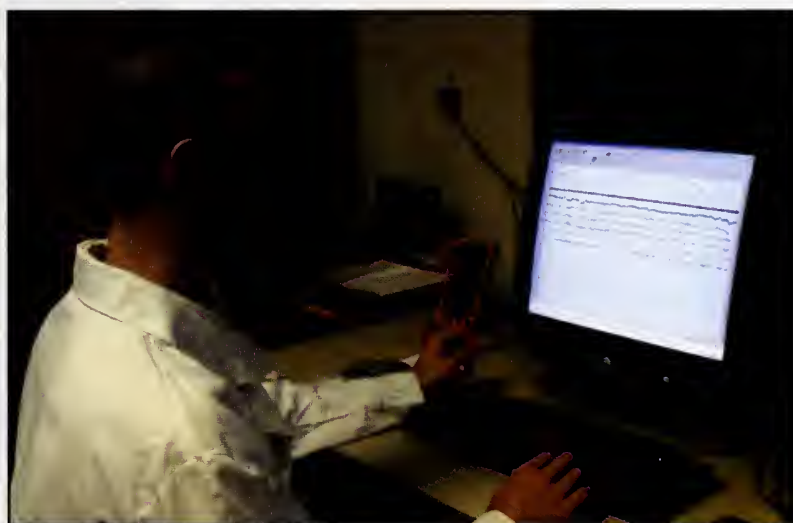
One aspect unknown to many people is the sleep lab housed within the department. The sleep lab has done many studies on the various forms of sleep disorders. Among the studies on sleep disorders that are performed at the lab are sleep apnea, insomnia and narcolepsy. The sleep laboratory not only assists the student population of Southern Miss, but it also serves as a great asset to the entire community of Hattiesburg.



Psychology



Graduate student Sumeer Chadha gives a presentation about his research on a new drug used by sleep researchers. His project shows ways to increase memory. **Photo by Jennifer Petcher**



Dante Picchioni of North Port, N.Y. looks at graphs and data on the computer. He said, "Sleep is a fascinating research area that deserves more attention." **Photo by Jennifer Petcher**

Counseling major Jessica Edwards, 26, is being studied by Dante Picchioni an experimental psychology major. The sleep laboratory, located in the Department of Psychology, has three rooms. **Photo by Jennifer Petcher**

College of Health

A hands on experience *Story by Tanesha Craig*

The College of Health is comprised of passionate, dedicated educators who provide a wide variety of programs and curriculum for an aspiring medical profession.

At the University of Southern Mississippi, the central goal that exemplifies the College of Health is the improvement of the health and well being for individuals, families, organizations and communities.

Within this college, students will find the educators are here to provide them with hands on knowledge and experience needed for future medical endeavors. The College of Health offers a direct opportunity to receive beneficial knowledge that can be used in today's medical workforce.

Programs within the college are extremely career-based. At Southern Miss, community health, human performance and recreation, medical technology, nutrition and food systems, nursing, speech and hearing sciences and social work are the academic units provided with the College of Health.

Each program consists of hard work in and outside the classroom. Depending on the academic unit of choice, students will have the chance to take part in both clinical and lab curriculums throughout their time at Southern Miss.

The student's learning experiences do not stop in the classroom; students will have the opportunity to go into potential work facilities and practice. There are also countless opportunities to obtaining employment before and after graduation.

Director of School of Nursing, Professor and Associate Dean of College of Health Katherine E. Nugent, Ph.D. said, "I came to teach at the University of Southern Mississippi because the College of Health has a wonderful reputation."

Nugent said, "There has been an increase in qualified eligible nursing school applicants, but not enough positions; this is now becoming a nationwide problem."

"The nursing program takes a lot of facilities to teach such rigorous programs that we offer," Nugent said.

Monica Naquin, junior nursing major and said she had a pure fondness for the program.

"I love the program, instructors and staff," Naquin said. "The staff is here to help and they are more than willing to give you help in anyway possible," Naquin said.





Senior John Sumrall, 24, of Hattiesburg wraps the arm of althetic training major Joe McQueen. HPR 309, first aid, shows students how to apply basic first aid as well as perform CPR. **Photo by Matikia Wilson**

Senior Clifton Cueves, 24, of Picayune examines his patient, Shandi Shiver, 22, of Daphne, Ala. The clinical lab in the nursing building also has a compute lab. **Photo by Matikia Wilson**

Tani Hannah teaches her literature and language methods class for K-4. The class is learning how to interact with their future students. **Photo by Matikia Wilson**

College of Science and

Advanced with scientific knowledge *Story by Lakeshia Allen*

The College of Science and Technology is a college of great variety. The college not only allows students to express themselves scientifically, but also mathematically and lawfully. Students gain optimum enhancement from this learning foundation. The College of Science and Technology consists of 15 departments. Of these 15 departments, there is specifically one dealing with law and two dealing with mathematics.

Administration of justice is the department of law making decisions. It teaches students how to apply the law within reasonable functioning. Biological sciences, chemistry and biochemistry, coastal sciences, computational sciences, computer science, construction, engineering technology, geography, geology, marine science, physics and anatomy, polymers and high performance materials are the huge variety dealing with science and technology. These departments make up the largest population of the college.

The biological science department is one of the largest departments of the University of Southern Mississippi, which takes up a great variety of the exploration of sciences. This department allows students the opportunity to study ideals through educational listening and reading skills while also experiencing hands on lab work. Students are provided the highest quality of education with an advantage of becoming advanced with scientific knowledge. Students are also allowed to apply themselves to their field of work through the lab material, which gives a technical and educational outlet.

These values of education discovered within the department of learning can be used with the everyday process of many students and their future careers. These things are not only used locally, but also regionally, nationally and internationally. The department is a universal achievement in a variety of ways.

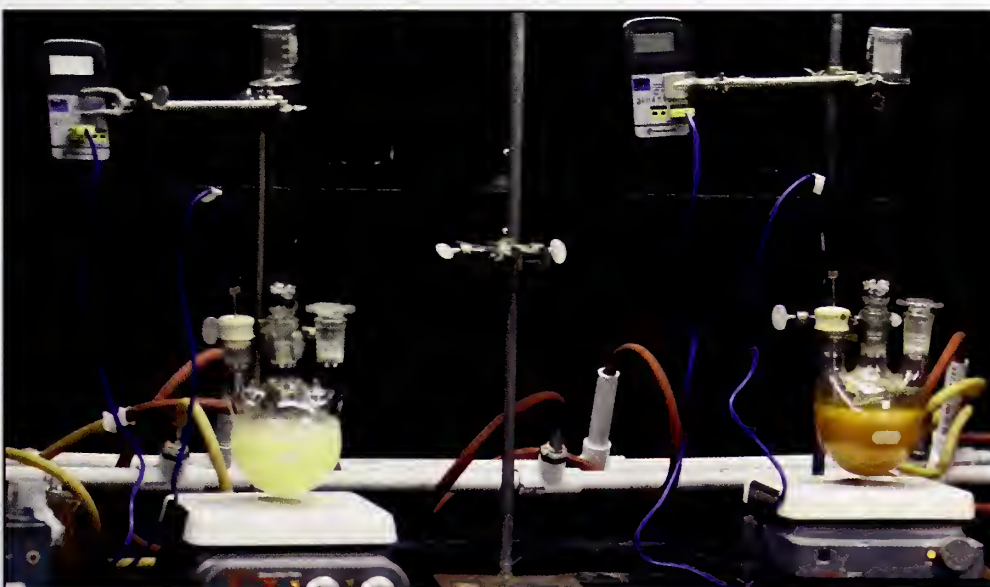
Technology is also a great advancement to this college. The department of technology reaches out to help those students to the specified department as well as other students and faculty on campus. The department of technology has views to advance the optimism of the entire university. On Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, the technology department hosted a program to inform everyone on the advancement of technology and how it could be useful in everyday life and helpful to education. "The technology that is available today for students and teachers can enhance the teaching and learning process. The Learning Enhancement Center is a resource for faculty, staff and students to learn and use technology. True faculty development and instructional technologies will enhance the teaching and learning process for all," said Shanna Lake, instructional designer of the Learner Enhancement Center. Lake helped organize the program with the technology department. She thinks that the use of technology and learning process should be shared with others. "I think everyone should know how technology can help them, especially as they go into the work force," Lake said.



Technology



Thomas Edfinger works on a project in organic chemistry class. Most students in the biological, chemical, and polymer sciences must take organic chemistry as part of their core curriculum. This class provides a solid scientific foundation on which they can further their own knowledge. **Photo by Greg Reeves**



Chemicals in the lab being mixed in hopes of making an organic chip. To attract future students, Southern Miss donated \$1000 to Moss Point High to start its own Polymer Science program. **Photo by Greg Reeves**

A testing robot used for the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Competitions. The students prepare for their next competition in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. **Photo by Greg Reeves**

Honors College

A college of progress *Story by Kristy McCoy*

Some Honors students believe that changes have been for the best. Sarah Johnson, sophomore from Waynesboro said, "I like the active learning classes better because they give you a better experience."

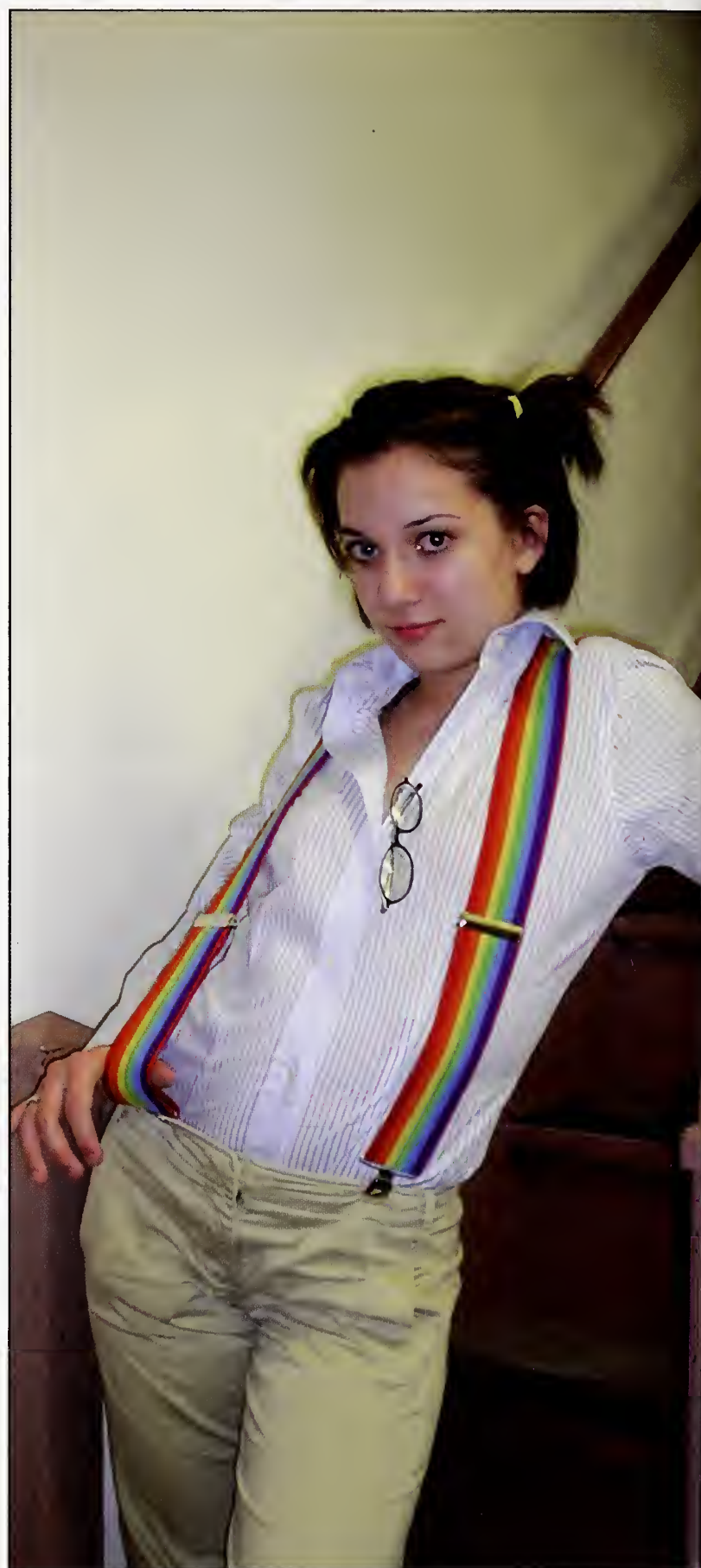
"However, I wish we could have both the colloquium and the active learning because the colloquium classes were also beneficial," said Johnson.

Other Honors students see a need to reform some of the basic traits of the active learning curriculum. Justin Safely, sophomore from Pearl thinks the classes are helpful, but not well-rewarded.

"I think that we should get more credit for the active learning classes," said Safely.

"After all, we are going and spending extra spare time out of class and taking trips, we should get more than three credit hours for that," Safely said.

It is easy to see that The University of Southern Mississippi Honors College is a college of not only legacy, prestige and pride; but also a college of progress.



Kristin Cabana, sophomore German and history major from Hattiesburg, prepping for the sexiest dork contest. The money raised from the event was donated to Doctors Without Borders, which aided tsunami victims in Thailand. Submitted photo



Sophomore business and economics major Josh Bird, 20, jokes around at an exhibition in Washington D.C. Bird went with his political science class to observe the intricacies of the national government. Active learning became a vital part of the honors college's new curriculum. **Submitted photo**

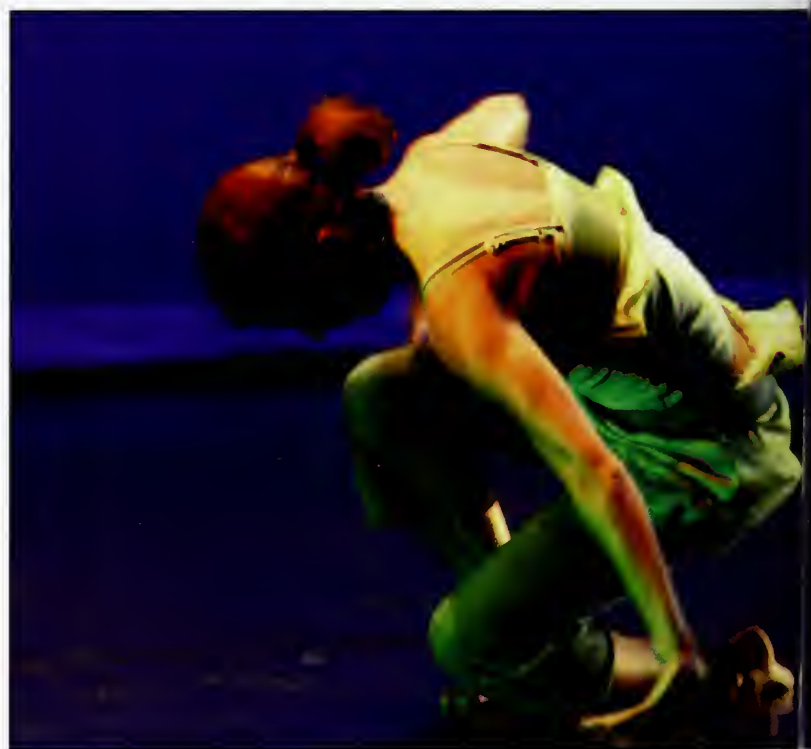


Tim O'Brien, author of "The Things They Carried," was a guest lecturer in Bennett Auditorum as part of the honors forum lecture series. Students also had the opportunity to watch films on campus and participate in other events in the area. **Photo by Jennifer Petcher**



This talented group of dancers was choreographed by visiting professor Julie Hammond. The Dance, titled "Bottoms Up" showed viewers how music and dance meet and become one. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

Choreographer Bethany Cagle of West Point, Ga., prepared senior Julie Bryant and sophomore Keri Santek for this defining moment. Students can apply for scholarships which are given based on participation and need. Photo by Jennifer Petcher



The Art of Dancing

Movements, color and music *Story by Tanesha Craig*

Each year the Southern Miss Dance department presents students with action-packed performances. During the Fall and Spring semesters the Repertory Dance Company displays the works of students, faculty, and guest choreographers through the talents of the dance majors.

The Fall and Spring Concerts were held in the Mannoni Performing Arts Center whereas the Studio 115 Concert was held in the Theater and Dance Studio room 115. The Studio 115 Concert this past December showcased the creative ideas of the six students who developed the dances.

The students who wish to participate in the on-stage performances audition to become a part of the ensemble. The chosen students are then taught the original dance moves developed by the choreographers. Each of the choreographers works create a different atmosphere for its viewers to embrace. The movements, colors, and music all help to set the tone of the vibrant performances.

The Southern Miss Dance program was one of the first of its type in the state. The department offers its students the opportunity to earn a bachelors of fine arts in either performance and choreography or dance education.

Students majoring in dance education learn the specifics of teaching children in grades K-12. The program not only provides its majors with knowledge of music and dance, but also with classroom experience. Performance majors learn how to create dances and to further develop their skills. They also learn different dance techniques.

The Dance Department provides a variety of classes for dance majors and teaches beginner level classes for students with less dance experience. Students can also elect to take dance as a minor, and still have the chance to pursue other interests.

Abigail Pisani, 22, a Junior Dance Major from Decatur, Ala., poises in a kneeling position. The dance program is a member of the National Association of Schools of Dance. **Photo by Jennifer Petcher**



Sophomore Shelley Manry of Prairieville, La., is tossed into the air by senior Robert Rigsby of Ocean Springs. The students perform for a variety of audiences both on and off campus. **Photo by Jennifer Petcher**

The Arts

Not just sketching and drawing *Story by Lakeshia Allen*

The art department offers a broad perspective of understanding and applying of one's creativity through the world of art. A member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, the department of art allows students to put forth their best talents through publicized exhibitions. Students can showcase their hard work and talent at the Southern Miss Museum of Art.

Sam Allister, senior graphic communication major, feels at home in the art department but believes it thrived better acting as a separate entity within the University. "I think the art department is lovable. I wish that this department had not merged. I loved it more when Southern Miss had the only art college in Mississippi," Allister said. Although the art department is not focused on essay exams and term papers, the art projects definitely take up their share of time. "The projects take up a lot more time than people think," Allister said. "I always have long days and late nights," he said.

Patrick Tustain, junior art therapy major, said the art program is put together very well with instructors that are eager to help in any way. He chose to be an art major because he has always been interested in art and he would like to pursue a career in the field. "I am glad I am apart of this department. I really can't stress enough just how great the program is, but it does require a lot of work," Tustain said. "It won't do itself, so involve yourself completely."

Crystal Cagle, senior graphic communication major, chose this particular field because she said it is one of the main lucrative art positions. "I think that the department is great, teachers are great, and more money should be put into the department," Cagle said. "I want everyone to know that art is not just sketching and drawing, it is really work. Dedication, dedication, dedication".

Candace McCleran, junior art education major, thinks the art department could use a little reconstruction. "There is a lot of work that needs to be put into the program," McCleran said. "Most importantly, we need a feel of unity of students in the same major." Despite her criticisms, McCleran admires the teachers but thinks they could always use more. When it comes to art, McCleran lives by the phrase, "Push it farther than you think it can."

It is through art that individuals invest themselves into the world of creativity. An individual with great imaginative chemistry is one of great artistic values and each student in the art department maintains their own creativity to expose these values.



With ceramics, students complete their work on a wheel, fire it in the kiln and finish the work off with a glaze. The studio provides a place for students to display their work for all to see on the outdoor patio. **Photo by Cedric Adams**

In wood sculpting class students cut with the table saw. The 3-D Art Studio, located on 4th Street, gives students an opportunity to work with metal, plaster, and other mediums. **Photo by Greg Reeves**





A graduate art student observes the print making from the Catfish Press National Print Portfolio Exchange. The museum has three exhibition galleries. Photo by Greg Reeves

The art museum displays not only student work, but also the exhibits from nationwide artists. During the Fall the museum also hosted a quilt show. **Photo by Greg Reeves**



honors & distinctions

janet payne, section editor

Motivation behind the Leader

what the SGA officers want to say

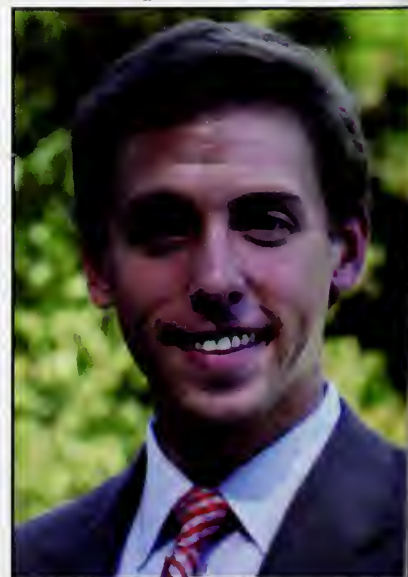


FRONT ROW: Allison Gouaux, Tansy Hall; BACK ROW: Chad Cornett, Walt Cain, Jonathan Krebs Photos by Jennifer Petcher

we have a vision for our campus

walt cain president

I wanted to join the Student Government Association largely because of models of leadership that I saw being displayed by its members. The SGA has so many responsibilities that it allowed me to learn a great deal about the University while I was serving it. I chose to run for president because of what I thought the SGA could be. I saw the potential for it to go beyond that and to exceed what had always been done. I am thankful that we have been able to do so. There are many things that make a leader; a strong personality, sense of commitment and hard work ethic. It is hard to say why I wanted to be a leader because I do not believe that I have ever chosen to be a leader. I simply do my best, do what I feel is right and work. I believe that the person makes the position, not the position the person; so in light of that, leaders tend to just rise to the top, I believe that is what has always happened with me. I served on the SGA for three years prior to my becoming president. This experience gave me the knowledge of what it takes to get things done on a university campus and also gave me contacts to aid in getting those things done. There are so many things that make Southern Miss great, but the people are, by far, our greatest asset. I think that I am the luckiest student on campus, in that everyday I have a new opportunity to represent a place I love. Southern Miss means the world to me, it has given me so many opportunities, memories and friends; so, in a large part, I feel like I'm just paying it back for what it has given me.



jonathan krebs vice president

My commitment to the Student Government Association and being vice president is met by my strong interest for the concerns of our student body and for campus involvement. It was second nature to run for the office of vice president. I was vice president of my high school's student council. I am delighted that my experience will be recognized by continuing this role in college. Leaders develop over time. People who seek change are going to naturally become leaders because they are going to be the ones to make sure problems are resolved. I believe that I am a person of vision. Through past experiences, I have learned to conduct professional as well as courteous meetings. I love working with the legislative and executive staffs. I feel that every student has the opportunity to improve Southern Miss.



allison gouaux

attorney general

Public service has always been a great passion for me. The Student Government Association offered me the opportunity to reach out and help people. As Attorney General I represent the entire student body keeping order on campus. I offer a forum for all students to plead their case in front of a courtroom of their peers called Judicial Board. I also offer free legal services to students that need professional advice. I've made many friends along the way that have been very encouraging and supportive in my goals to be an SGA executive officer. I owe a lot of my success to my friends and family. Although, SGA sometimes deals with controversy, I always try to keep a positive outlook and not sweat the small stuff. My goals for Southern Miss include streamlining the ticket appeals process and making students more aware of the legal services the SGA provides. I am also getting students to register to vote through a group called Vote for America. My advice to the student body would be to never be scared to be yourself.



serving

chad cornett

treasurer

My interest in joining the Student Government Association was sparked by me wanting to contribute in the making of good quality life to campus. I was able to do so last year as attorney general and this year as treasurer. As treasurer, I hope to expand on the initiatives made by students. I am keeper of the SGA budget which is greater than \$100,000. I prepare reports so that organizations will be aware of their budget and balances. SGA has contributed to homecoming activities, Eaglepalooza, and the production of the new publication, Varsity Voice. Satisfaction of being involved in such a proactive organization is more than motivating when you know that you can make a difference in the excitement of athletics and academic curriculum. I believe that there is no such thing as a one person leadership role, I believe it takes every one to run an organization.



tansy hall

election commissioner

After serving on the election commission for two years under the careful watch of previous Election Commissioners Kay Barnes and Alex Thames, I knew that being election commissioner was my destined role to play in the Student Government Association. As Executive Director of the Election Commission last year, I have learned that being assertive is a key quality in being the best election commissioner; meaning that rules are placed in writing for people to abide by and not to be wavered for anyone. I wanted to become election commissioner because I understand the importance of a fair election. The candidates and student body can feel assured in knowing that all elections will be followed accordingly to the rules and regulations in the election code. Patience is a value I learned while working in the SGA. Patience is needed when working in the SGA, along with listening to others before jumping to conclusions. Obstacles are only seen when you take your eyes off your goal.



assertive

motivated

Inspiring to all: what their friends say about Mr. and Miss Southern Miss



Mr. and Miss Southern Miss, Prince Winston, senior architecture major from Jackson, and Krystal Bates, senior broadcast journalism major from Liberty. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

krystal bates

"...a level mind and a great deal of social and academic balance."

Dear Krystal,

As one thinks of the title Miss Southern Miss, a vision of true grace, style, beauty, kindness, great morals, involvement, and intelligence should instantly appear.

Who is worthy of such a grand title? Who would represent our institution with utmost respect and dedication? Who has the vision of living up to the Golden Eagle Code of Honor? Krystal, my dear Soror, YOU are the answer.

Upon entering any atmosphere, your smile fills the place with warmth and distinction, while your soft voice proceeds to express your unique means of salutation..."How's it going sweetie?" or "Hey girl, how are you today?" with your hands waving as if they were spirit filled puppets.

Your desire to be involved on campus is outstanding. Not only are you an active member of the devastating Mu Nu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., but also involved in an array of other organizations such as Phi Sigma Pi honor fraternity, University Activities Council, Student Broadcasters Association, Students Looking Out for Others, all while holding one of the most important leadership positions on campus; resident assistant. This takes a level mind and a great deal of social and academic balance.

Krystal, it takes a woman of integrity to fill the shoes of Miss Southern Miss. I am truly elated to know that YOUR shoes have obviously been "cut to precision." Your spirit is endless, your sincerity is divine. Congratulations, Krystal Bates, it's your time to shine! Represent us well!



Love Always,
Pamela Scott

prince winston

"...embodies an optimistic nature and a very strong sense of leadership."

To the campus of Southern Miss,

It gives me great pleasure to write a letter of credibility for Mr. Prince Winston. Prince is an outstanding individual who has truly earned the title of Mr. Southern Miss. While attending the university, Prince has accomplished a plethora of accolades. Prince's honors and campus involvement is endless. As a freshman, Prince wasted no time before making his mark on the campus of Southern Miss. He was named Outstanding Freshman Male in 2002. While at Southern Miss, Prince has been involved in several organizations including Lambda Sigma honor society, Men of Excellence, Student Government Association, Mississippi Alliance for Minority Participation, Picture Perfect Models, NAACP, and African-American Student Organization. Prince holds several positions in these organizations and proves to be very active in each of them. In addition, Prince is also a member of Southern Style, a position that titles him as an ambassador for the university. He also serves as an ambassador for the the College of Science and Technology.



Moreover, Prince manages to maintain a great academic standing here at the university. Majoring in architectural engineering, he commits himself to his studies. In retrospect, Prince represents achievement and drive. As an asset to the university, Prince presents his loyalty and trustworthiness. He embodies an optimistic nature and a very strong sense of leadership. One of Prince's ultimate goals before he set foot on the campus was to make change. Indeed, Prince surpassed his own expectations and has paved a new path for future students.

Sincerely,
Reginald Woods

Joining the Southern Miss greats Hall of Fame

outstanding Southern Miss students



james walter cain

James Walter "Walt" Cain is a senior from Madison, International Studies major. Cain's greatest accomplishments include: president of the Student Government Association, member of Pi Kappa Phi, and chief justice of the Inter-Fraternity Council. He also represented Southern Miss working on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C., for two summers. His favorite college memories have come from "unexpected and unplanned experiences-- like staying up all night at the house, having really good conversations and random road trips." He has also really enjoyed times spent in the District and EaglePalooza. Walt said the people are what he loves most about Southern Miss. Cain said, "Be yourself."

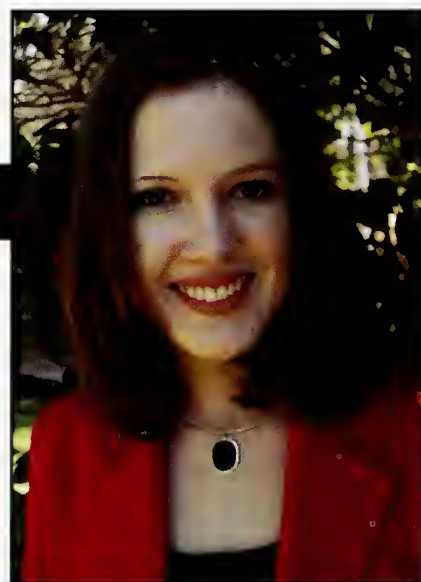
"You won't be any good at being anybody else. This will help you to enjoy all the experiences that college has to offer. Don't be afraid to try new things," he said.

"Southern Miss has as many unique experiences waiting for you as it does people, don't keep yourself from trying something new just because you have never done it before. Keep it all in perspective. This will help you get the most out of college. When something seems insurmountable and overwhelming, back up, put it all in perspective and try again," Cain said.

mary molly grubbs

Mary Molly Grubbs from Hattiesburg, is a senior speech communication major. Grubbs' greatest accomplishments include: president of Chi Omega sorority, Honors College, maintaining a cumulative 4.0 GPA and winning the Greek Life Award for Outstanding President, IHL State College Board Award for Outstanding Student at Southern Miss and the Speech Communication Academic Excellence Award. One of her favorite college memories has been watching all the Greek organizations work hard during Chi Omega Songfest to raise over \$17,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. She also enjoyed the opportunity to study abroad in London and get to travel with friends to Italy. Grubbs believes Southern Miss has offered many opportunities to get involved, contribute to the university, grow as a person and have a fun time while doing it. She said there is no better place to attend college because Southern Miss has the excitement of a large university and the intimacy of a Southern college. Molly plans to pursue a master's degree in advertising. Grubbs said, "Take advantage of every opportunity Southern Miss provides."

"Your college career is over in the blink of an eye," she said. "Recognize that God has blessed you not only with talents, but also with a great campus on which to put them to use. Do so and your years here at Southern Miss will be fulfilling beyond words."





susan ashley holifield

Ashley Holifield, from Mobile, Ala., is a history education major. Holifield's accomplishments include: College Panhellenic Council; president, Greek Woman of the Year 2005, Gamma Rho Chi recruitment counselor, most outstanding Gamma Rho Chi and Order of Omega, Delta Gamma Sorority; Delta Gamma Foundation Awards Recipients scholarship, vice president Panhellenic, honor board member, director of scholarship and nominating committee, Student Government Association; homecoming coordinator, student activities committee, freshman associates, Freshman Year Experience; Southern Style, Golden Eagle Welcome Weekend, premiere director and Southern Miss Who's Who. Holifield's fondest college memories were homecoming and the camaraderie with her sorority sisters. Holifield said her favorite thing about Southern Miss is football games in The Rock. Holifield plans to pursue a master's in school

administration at the University of Alabama and later teaching secondary school. "This is a campus that you can be whoever you want to be," Holifield said. "Do not change the person that you are. Be the best self that you can be and you will succeed."

william jeffrey jernigan

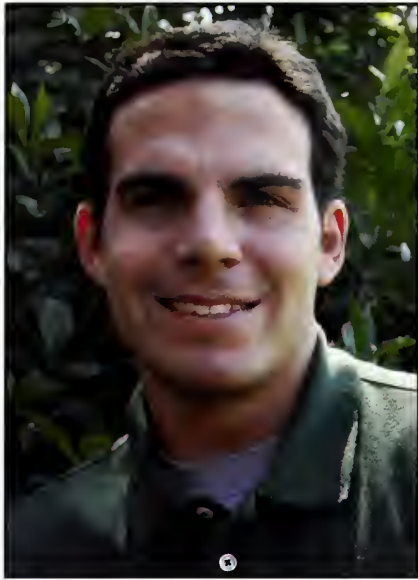
William Jeffrey "Jeff" Jernigan from Vicksburg, is a senior marketing major. His accomplishments at Southern Miss include: being of The Legacy, Southern Style, Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and Student Government Association Senate. His favorite memories have come from being a part of Phi Kappa Phi, watching Southern Miss football, basketball and baseball, going on various road trips and eating \$2.00 Baptist Student Union lunches. He has also been involved in riding his bicycle 4,000 miles across the United States in order to benefit people with disabilities as a part of the Journey of Hope Team 2003. Jernigan likes Southern Miss because of the friendliness of the campus and the great staff involved with student activities including Dr. Paul and Dr. Holloway. Jernigan plans to pursue his juris doctorate and become a federal judge. Jernigan said, "If you are not sure what you want to do, set your goals high to obtain the most options for later.

He said, "Your actions decide your future. Most opportunities only come once, take advantage of them and enjoy them. Look for opportunities and never plateau. I regret not having the five year plan. It would have been fun to have one more football semester as an undergrad."



Hall of Fame (CONTINUED)

outstanding Southern Miss students



michael ryan kelly

Ryan Kelly, from Clinton, is a senior biology/pre-med major. Kelly's accomplishments include: Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, creation of Southern Miss Science Quad, establishment of a project to renovate Lake Byron, student advisor for campus lighting project and Honors College. Kelly's favorite college memory was going out to Pride Field from Bond Hall and playing football with friends in the rain. Kelly's favorite thing about Southern Miss is the direction the university is headed in. "I can say without a doubt, this university has grown and matured more and more with every year that goes by," said Kelly. "I am excited about not only the potential that USM has, but what we are actively doing with potential with every given day." Kelly's plans to attend dental school at the University of Southern Mississippi Medical Center, start a good Christian family and give back to Southern Miss. "Every year everyone always told me to 'live it up,' college only happens once," Kelly said. "As a senior with one a few months ago to go I can safely say this is true. I have enjoyed every second at Southern Miss, and I regret nothing about what I have done here. I urge all students to participate in social events, study hard and get as much as you can out of your experience here. It only happens once, so take it all in."

kristen mary preau

Kristen Preau, of New Orleans, is a public relations major. Preau's personal accomplishments include: editorial assistant of the Southern Miss Alumni Association, developing a solid foundation for the Public Relations Student Society of America, Southern Style, study abroad in Puebla, Mexico and Alcala de Henares, Spain, and a javelin thrower for the varsity track and field team. Preau's fondest memory of her time in college was sharing a house with her two best friends and their dog, Blake. Also, winning the Eagle Walk championship t-shirt in 2003. Preau's said her favorite thing about Southern Miss was how easy it was to get involved and leave a legacy. She said, "It lets you become a part of its rich tradition." Preau's future plans include establishing a career in the hospitality/tourism industry and eventually becoming a freelance public relations agent. "There are hundreds of ways to get involved at Southern Miss," Preau said. "Find your niche, and have fun with it."





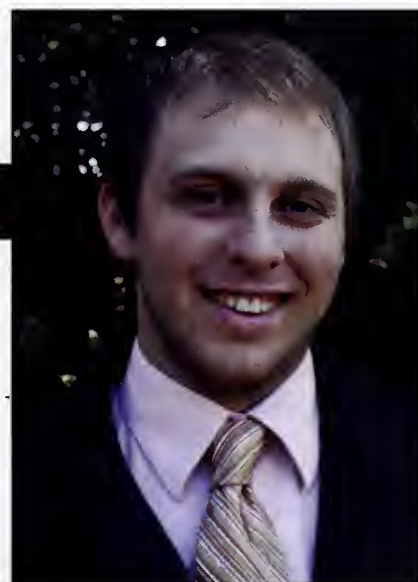
sophia loren robinson

Sophia Loren Robinson, of Indianola, is a senior psychology major. Robinson said her greatest accomplishments at Southern Miss include: vice president of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, outstanding junior leadership award, president's list, dean's list, Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges and a recipient of the African American Student Organization academic achievement award for the past three years. Robinson said her fondest memories at Southern Miss include being elected the 2003 junior homecoming maid and being initiated into the Iota Kappa Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., in the fall of 2003. Robinson's favorite thing about Southern Miss was being able to be a part of the Freshman Year Experience as an incoming freshman, premiere director and Southern Style. Robinson said she loved the football games, sorority life, campus organizations, faculty and staff

and southern hospitality. Robinson plans to obtain a master's in college student personnel and later a doctorate. Robinson said, "Always put God first and never forget where you come from, because if better is possible then good is not enough."

keith edward wilson

Keith Edward Wilson, from Ocean Springs, is a broadcast journalism major. Wilson's accomplishments include: founding president of the Transfer Leadership Board, a feature in Student Leader Magazine, Omicron Delta Kappa Province Leader of 2004, president of ODK, TLB, Campus Civitan and Student Broadcasters' Association, campus chair of March of Dimes Walk America and outstanding student organization officer of 2004 as voted on by the Office of Student Activities. Wilson's fondest memories at Southern Miss were Eagle connection recruitment trips, winning most spirited welcome weekend team, inducting Mayor Johnny DuFree into ODK and being a part of a fraternity. Wilson's favorite things about Southern Miss are how amazingly friendly everyone is and the new golden eagle logo for athletics. Wilson's future plans include a career in television and obtaining a master's in higher education administration or college student personnel. "Don't let your candle burn out before you graduate," said Wilson. "Be involved and burn a path on the grounds of Southern Miss for others to follow."



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krystal bates

Krystal Monique Bates, broadcast journalism major of Liberty, is the daughter of Arthur and Virginia Bates. Her activities include: Afro-American Student Organization, Cultural Awareness Committee, Ambassador of McCarty Hall Leadership Series, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; social action and programming cochairman, Minority Affairs; freshmen mentor, Phi Sigma Pi Honor Society; initiate adviser, public relations and fund raiser chairman, Picture Perfect Models; co-fashion coordinator; premiere director, resident assistant, Student Broadcasters Association; public relations committee, Students Looking Out for Others; president and public relations chairman and University Activities Council; major entertainment committee. Her honors include: 2004 Miss Southern Miss, AASO Academic Achievement Award, dean's list, Leadership Scholar, Residence Life Most Outstanding Programming Award and S.L.O.O. Most Outstanding Member. Bates' future goals are to become a national news anchor for a major television network and a motivational speaker for young adults nationwide.



jackie baxter

Jacqueline Rose Baxter, international studies major of Purvis, is the daughter of George and Jane Baxter. Her activities include: Chi Omega Sorority; new member educator and vice president, GAMMA, Golden Key International Honour Society, Jr. Panhellenic Delegate, The Legacy, Panhellenic Judicial Board, premiere director and Southern Style. Her honors include: Academic Scholar, Chi Omega model initiate, dean's list, Eminent Scholar, Leadership Scholar and president's list. Baxter's future goals are to serve as an interpreter to foreign students, workers and professionals as well as become an ambassador dealing with foreign legal affairs. She also wants to travel and teach English in another country. Baxter plans to obtain a master's degree in public relations.



philip bernard

Phillip Michael Bernard, business administration major of Thibodeaux, La., is the son of Steve and Jane Bernard. His activities include: Catholic Student Association, Eagle Connection, Freshman Associates, Inter Fraternity Council, Lambda Sigma Honor Society, Leadership Scholarship interview committee, Order of Omega Honor Society, Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity, premiere director, Southern Style, Student Government Association; judicial board, and study abroad at Keele University in England. His honors include the following: dean's list, Leadership Scholar and Phi Kappa Tau Outstanding Campus Leader. Bernards' future goals are to pursue a master's in business administration and work in marketing for an international company.

walt cain

James Walter Cain, international studies major of Madison, is the son of Jerry and Christy Cain. His activities include: BSU; Leadership Team, Eagle Connection, inner city mission trip to Boston, Inter Fraternity Council, Lambda Sigma, Men of Excellence; parliamentarian, mission trip to Burkina Faso, West Africa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega, Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity; public relations chairman, Pi Sigma Alpha, premiere director, The Pride, Southern Chorale, Student Government Association; president and student activities director, State Student Body President's Council and symphony chorus. His honors include: Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers internship, dean's list, internships with Sen. Thad Cochran and Congressman Chip Pickering, Pi Kappa Phi Most Outstanding Associate Member, Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar, Stennis Center for Public Policy Congressional Intern Leadership Program and Student Government Association-Most Outstanding Cabinet Member and Most Outstanding Freshman. Cain's future goals are to pursue a master's degree at the University of St. Andrews in international security, and later study international law to enhance international public service.



jennie clement

Jennie Adriana Clement, nutrition major of Metairie, La., is the daughter of Chris and Laurie Clement. Her activities include: Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society; historian, Delta Gamma Sorority; director of public relations, Well Aware and New Members, Golden Key International Honour Society, The Legacy, premiere director, recruitment counselor, Student Dietetic Association; vice president and Order of Omega Honor Society. Her honors include: dean's list, Greek Scholar of the Week and president's list. Clement's future goals are to obtain a master's in nutrition and become a clinical dietitian in a children's hospital.



todd cohen

Todd Milton Cohen, social work major of Perkinston, is the son of Ann Cohen. His activities include: Family Network Partnership, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, Golden Key International Honour Society, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, Phi Alpha Honor Society, School of Social Work; student representative and Social Work Club; president. His honors include: dean's list and president's list. Cohen's future goal is to become a medical social worker primarily handling clients with AIDS.



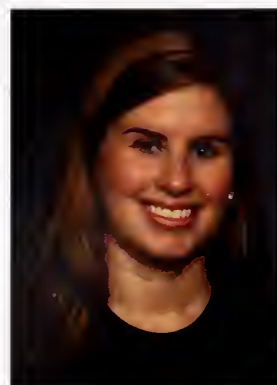
angela dobbe

Angela Lee Dobbe, hospitality management major of Hurley, is the daughter of David and Tina Denmark and David and Michelle Dobbe. Her activities include: Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Delta Gamma Sorority; president, vice president of membership and director of Anchor Splash, Eagle Connection, Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society, Freshman Leadership Council; adviser, Jr. Panhellenic; vice president, Lambda Sigma Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, premiere director, Southern Style, Student Government Association; executive cabinet and Union Advisory Board. Her honors include: Delta Gamma Foundation Scholarship, Leadership Scholar, Mississippi Tourism Association Scholarship and Omicron Delta Kappa Outstanding Freshman Female.



allison gouaux

Allison Elise Gouaux, public relations major of Lockport, La., is the daughter of Gene and Toni Gouaux. Her activities include: Delta Delta Delta Sorority; treasurer, vice president of finance and secretary, Freshman Associates; secretary, Freshman Leadership Council, Lambda Sigma Honor Society; vice president, The Legacy, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, Order of Omega Honor Society, premiere director, Public Relations Student Society of America, Southern Style and Student Government Association; attorney general, senate secretary and senator for the College of Arts and Letters. Her honors include: 2004 homecoming queen, dean's list, Delta Delta Delta Sorority Model New Member, Freshman Leadership Council Freshman of the Year and Leadership Scholar. Gouaux's future goal is to attend graduate or law school.





carrie gray

Carrie Elizabeth Gray, English and French major of Columbus, is the daughter of Randy and Debby Gray. Her activities include: Baptist Student Union; Bible study leader, *Catalyst*; editor and staff writer, College Republicans, Kappa Delta Sorority, Honors College ambassador, Pre-Law Society; treasurer, search committee for the Honors College dean, Student Government Association; public relations chairman and study abroad to the Abbey. Her honors include: dean's list, president's list and presidential scholar. Gray's future goal is to become a lawyer.



molly grubbs

Mary Molly Grubbs, speech communication major of Hattiesburg, is the daughter of Gary and Glenda Grubbs. Her activities include: Chi Omega Sorority; president, song director and housing chairman, concert choir, Golden Key International Honour Society, Lambda Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies. Speech Communication Association and study abroad to London for international marketing. Her honors include: College Panhellenic Council President of the Year, Don George Speech Communication Academic Excellence Award, Greek Convocation Academic Excellence Award for junior, Greek Academic Excellence Award, HEADWAE Honoree and Honors College Colloquium Book Award. Grubbs' future goals are to obtain a master's in advertising and establish her own firm.



emily guyton

Emily Anne Guyton, deaf education major of Ringgold, Ga., is the daughter of Keith and Susie Guyton. Her activities include: College Panhellenic Council; vice president of public relations and delegate, Freshman Associates, Golden Girls; membership selection chair, Kappa Alpha Theta; philanthropy chairman, vice president of public relations, vice president of administration, standards committee and executive recruitment board, Lambda Sigma Honor Society and The Legacy. Her honors include: Academic Excellence Award, dean's list, Kappa Alpha Theta Development of Kicks for CASA philanthropy, Leadership Scholar and president's list. Guyton's future goal is to teach deaf children in grades K-5.



margie heltzel

Majorie Minor Heltzel, elementary education major of Vicksburg, is the daughter of Samuel and Ann Heltzel. Her activities include: Baptist Student Union; leadership team, Greek Bible study leader and family group leader, Board of Directors for the Alumni Association; Campus Crusade for Christ; leadership team, College Panhellenic Council; vice president of recruitment and retention, Delta Delta Delta Sorority; vice president of chapter development and nominating committee, Diamond Darlings; captain, Freshman Associates, GAMMA, Jr. Panhellenic, Lambda Sigma Honor Society; social chair, The Legacy; president and board member, mission trip to Pisa, Italy, official university ring committee, premiere director, Southern Style, Student Government Association; executive assistant for the president, assistant director of student activities and school spirit and traditions coordinator and university spirit and traditions committee. Her honors include: Lambda Sigma Outstanding Female, Powell Ogletree Scholarship, Sarah Ida Shaw Nominee and Outstanding Freshman Female.



ashley holifield

Susan Ashley Holifield, history education major of Mobile, Ala., is the daughter of Neil Holifield and Susan Lowery. Her activities include: College Panhellenic Council; president, Delta Gamma Sorority; honor board member, director of scholarship and nominating committee member, Freshmen Associates, Golden Eagle Welcome Weekend executive director, Lambda Sigma Honor Society; membership selection assistant, Leadership Scholarship interview committee, Order of Omega Honor Society, premier director, recruitment counselor, Sorority Housing Focus Committee, Southern Style and Student Government Association; homecoming coordinator and student activities committee. Her honors include: Academic Excellence Scholarship, College Panhellenic Council Greek Woman of the Week, Delta Gamma Scholarship, Greek Woman of the Year, Most Outstanding Gamma Rho Chi, nominee for Miss Southern Miss, Omicron Delta Kappa Outstanding Freshman Female and regional scholarship. Holifield's future goals are to attend graduate school at the University of South Alabama and pursue a master's in higher education administration and later become a high school principal.

jeff jernigan

William Jeffrey Jernigan, marketing major, is the son of Becky Chennault of Vicksburg, and Al Jernigan of Jackson. His activities include: BSU; leadership team, College Republicans, Drug and Alcohol Policy Committee; student representative, Friday Night at the Fountain committee member, Golden Key International Honour Society, Inter Fraternity Council; judicial board member and chapter delegate, Journey of Hope, Lambda Sigma, Leadership Scholarship interview committee, The Legacy; president, NCAA Compliance Committee; student representative, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega, Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity; chaplain and associate class president, Pre Law Society, premier director, Southern Style and SGA; supreme court chief justice and senator. His honors include: dean's list, Freshman Leadership Council Outstanding Freshman, Leadership Scholar, Omicron Delta Kappa Outstanding Freshman Male, Most Outstanding Member of Lambda Sigma, Pi Kappa Phi Outstanding Associate Member and Most Outstanding Freshman Senator of the SGA Senate. His accomplishments as an SGA Senator include: extended visitation hours in residence halls, established a fall break, named the student body "The Varsity," committee member for extended library hours and created SGA book scholarship. Jernigan's future goal is to sit on the Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit.



richard johnson

Richard Johnson, speech and hearing sciences major of Natchez, is the son of Richard and Pearlina Johnson. His activities include: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; vice president and secretary and National Pan-Hellenic Council; president and vice president and *Sphinx*; editor. His honors include: dean's list and Leadership Scholar. Johnson's future goal is to become an audiologist.



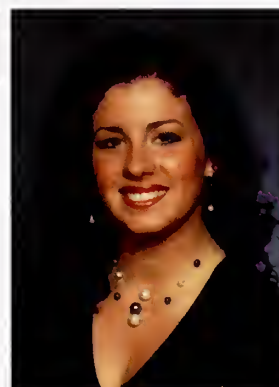
ryan kelly

Michael Ryan Kelly, biology major of Clinton, is the son of Paul and Mary Kelly. His activities include: Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, College of Science and Technology student ambassador, College Republicans, Freshman Associates; treasurer, Golden Key International Honour Society, laboratory instructor for biological sciences, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, Pick-a-Prof web site; co-founder, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity, student affiliate for Administrative Master Plan Committee, Student Government Association; executive officer of campus development, budgets and appropriations committee, campus relations committee, parking research and advisory committee, senator of the College of Business and senior senator of the College of Science and Technology, The Legacy, transportation committee and Science Quad; founder. His honors include: Honors College, Leadership Scholar, Most Outstanding Senator Award; president's list; Senator of the Year Award and Senior Senator of the Year Award. Kelly's future goal is to become a graduate of the University of Mississippi's Medical Center. Kelly would like to return to Hattiesburg to practice dentistry and maintain a close connection with Southern Miss.



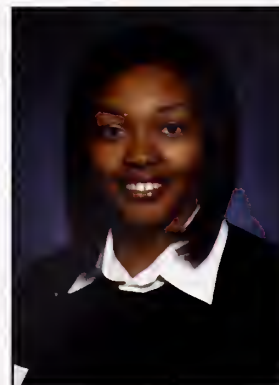
marilyn ledly

Marilyn Marie Leddy, broadcast journalism major of Mobile, Ala., is the daughter of Joseph and Mary Leddy. Her activities include: Crossroads Student Ministry; president, ESPN 2; Pine Belt Edition sports reporter; Freshman Associates; vice president, Lambda Sigma and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies, Payne Center; recreational sports staff and Student Broadcasters' Association; vice president. Her honors include: Omicron Delta Kappa Outstanding Freshman Female and Payne Center Outstanding Staff Member. Leddy's future goal is to become a broadcast journalist for a news station.



darice mayberry

Darice Mayberry, political science major of Natchez, is the daughter of Agnes Mayberry. Her activities include: Afro-American Student Organization, Future Black Law Student Association, IDEAL Women; community service chairman, Picture Perfect Models; historian, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, resident assistant, Student Government Association; election commission, *Student Printz*; opinions writer, University Activities Council and VISION; special projects director. Her honors include: Afro-American Student Organization Academic Achievement Award, Alfred Moore Pre-Law Scholarship, AmeriCorps Citizen Scholar, dean's list and president's list. Mayberry's future goals are to obtain a jurist doctorate at a law school in Houston.





katie mcshane

Katie Lauren McShane, fashion merchandising major of Mobile, Ala., is the daughter of Kevin and Debra McShane. Her activities include: Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Chi Omega Sorority; philanthropy chairman, College Panhellenic Council; vice president of risk management and judicial board, College Republicans, Dixie Darling, Eagle Connection, Golden Eagle Welcome Weekend executive director, Golden Key International Honour Society, The Legacy, Order of Omega and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies, premiere director, recruitment counselor and Southern Style. Her honors include: dean's list. McShane's future goals are to obtain a master's in college student personnel and become a director of orientation and retention at a university.



brett morris

Brett Stephen Morris, personal financial planning major of New Orleans, is the son of Steve and Trudy Morris. His activities include: Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society, intramural sports; supervisor and team captain, The Legacy Board, President of Freshman Class and Student Government Association; senate and cabinet. His honors include: dean's list. Morris' future goal is to obtain a master's in personal financial planning.



rosalind newsome

Rosalind Bernice Newsom, criminal justice major of Coldwater, is the daughter of William and Corine Newsom. Her activities include: Afro-American Student Organization, Baptist Student Union, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, Golden Key International Honour Society; community service chairman, Lambda Alpha Epsilon Criminal Justice Association and Student Government Association; senator for College of Science and Technology. Her honors include: dean's list and Afro-American Student Organization Academic Excellence Award. Newsome's future goal is to serve with the United States Chief Law Enforcement Agency.



hugh pace

Hugh Pace, accounting major of Magee, is the son of Alfred and Kim Pace. His activities include: Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Society, Campus Crusade for Christ, Golden Key International Honour Society; webmaster, Inter Fraternity Council; administrative affairs, Lambda Sigma, The Legacy Board, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, premiere director, Sigma Chi Fraternity; secretary, Southern Style and study abroad to England. His honors include: Accounting Faculty Award, completing CPA requirements, dean's list, Eagle Scout; Boy Scouts of America, Inter Fraternity Council Outstanding Delegate of the Year, Leadership Scholar and president's list. Pace is employed with KPMG L.L.P. in Nashville, Tenn.

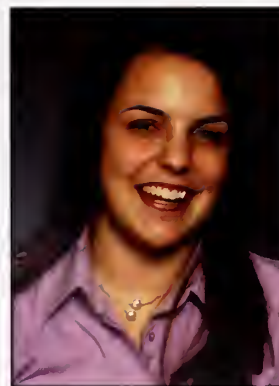


jessica phelps

Jessica Jean Phelps, radio, television and film major of Mobile, Ala., is the daughter of David and Sandy Phelps. Her activities include: Baptist Student Union; fellowship coordinator and campus outreach director, Campus Crusade, Freshmen Associates, Gamma Beta Phi Honors Society, Golden Key International Honour Society, Honors Student Association, Kappa Tau Alpha Honor Society, The Legacy, No Payne No Gain Club, premiere director, varsity cheerleader, University Activities Council, Student Broadcasters Association and WUSM; volunteer reporter. Her honors include: dean's list, Honors College, Leadership Scholar, president's list, Regional Scholar and Student Athlete Academic Honors. Phelps' future goal is to pursue a career as a news reporter for a local television station.

kristen preau

Kristen Mary Preau, public relations major of New Orleans, is the daughter of Paul and Karen Preau. Her activities include: Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Alumni Association; editorial assistant, Derrick Nix Fundraiser, internship with Department of Marketing and Public Relations, The Legacy; board member, Luckyday Scholar's Program; teacher's assistant, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, premiere director, Public Relations Student Society of America; president, Southern Style, Student Government Association and varsity track and field. Her honors include: dean's list, Freshman Associate of the Year, Leadership Scholar and Student Government Association Special Service Award. Preau's future goal is to represent and institution as a public relations professional.



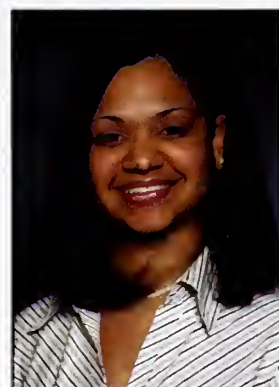
stacey rivers

Stacey Marie Rivers, special education major of Birmingham, Ala., is the daughter of Dusty and Betty Rivers. Her activities include: Lambda Sigma Honor Society; secretary and junior advisor, premiere director, Residence Hall Association; advisory board, Southern Style, Student Government Association; senator for College of Education and Psychology and community service committee. Her honors include: Alumni Scholarship, dean's list, and Leadership Scholar. Rivers' future goal is to leave a lasting impression on others by making a difference in their lives.



sophia robinson

Sophia Robinson, nursing major of Indianola, is the daughter of Mary A. Diggs. Her activities include: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; historian, programming co-chairman and membership chairman, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society; vice president and jr. advisor, budgets and appropriations committee, Campus Civitan Club; charter member and treasurer, premiere director, Southern Style and Student Government Association; senior senator for College of Health, off campus at-large senator. Her honors include: 2003 junior homecoming maid, Afro-American Student Organization Academic Achievement Award, Alpha Kappa Alpha Regional Spirit Award, dean's list, Intramural Basketball Scorekeeper of the Year, Iota Kappa Superstar Award, and president's list. Robinson's future goal is to become a registered nurse and later become a director of nursing.



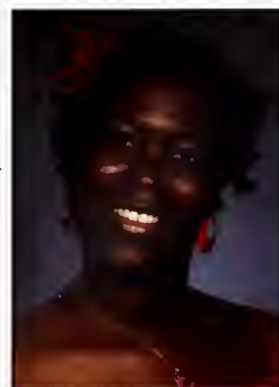
shay thigpen

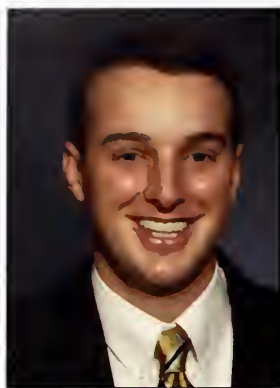
Aaron Shay Thigpen, polymer science major of Hurley, is the son of Keith and Renee Thigpen. His activities include: Freshman Service Board, The Legacy, Mississippi Academy of Sciences Symposium, Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity; sergeant at arms, Executive Council, and homecoming activities committee, Chaplain Associate Member, Polymer Science Association, Polymer Science Recruitment Committee, Society of Plastic Engineers; student affiliates, Southern Style, SGA; presidential campaign committee and Waterborne Symposium. His honors include: All American Scholar, dean's list, Leadership Scholar, published in the *Mississippi Academy of Sciences Journal*, Morgan Research Group undergraduate research assistant, Omicron Delta Kappa Outstanding Freshman Male, Outstanding Scholar in the College of Science and Technology and Southern Society of Coatings Scholarship. Thigpen's future goal is to pursue a master's in chemical engineering. He plans to work in the production and processing divisions of the chemical or polymer industry. He also wants to gain a professional engineers license as well as the level of Six Sigma Master Black Belt, an advanced industrial design certification. Shay's ultimate goal is to found a company or form a partnership devoted to the production and facility improvements of the updated EPA regulations.



lori vaughn

Lori Elizabeth Vaughn, speech pathology and Spanish major of New Orleans, is the daughter of Lloyd and Jacqueline Vaughn. Her activities: Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; president, Eagle Connection, Golden Key International Honour Society, Habitat for Humanity; historian, Karate Club, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Lambda Sigma, Order of Omega and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies, premiere directors, Residence Hall Association; community service committee, resident assistant, Speech and Hearing Association. Her honors include: 2002 junior homecoming maid; Afro-American Student Organization Academic Excellence Award, All American Scholar and dean's list. Vaughn's future goal is to obtain a doctorate's in multiculturalism.





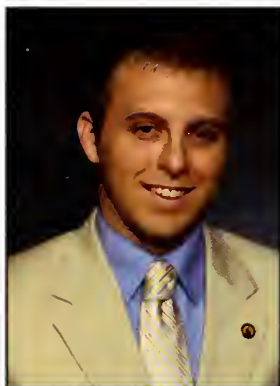
chris walker

Chris Glenn Walker, accounting major of Brandon, is the son of Glenn and Cindy Walker. His activities include: Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Baptist Student Union, Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society, Freshman Leadership Council, Inter Fraternity Council; vice president of administrative affairs, Jr. Inter Fraternity Council, Lambda Sigma Honor Society, Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity, Southern Style, Student Government Association; senator for the College of Business and Economic Development, and varsity tennis. His honors include: Alfred and Doris Breeland Scholarship, Allstate Foundation Scholarship, Alumni Association Scholarship, Leadership Scholar, Phi Kappa Tau Bob Benefield Most Outstanding Campus Leadership Award, USM Athletic Association Tennis Scholarship, USM Athletic Association Silver Medal Award for Academic Excellence and tennis team highest GPA award. Walker's future goals are to obtain a master's in accounting at Southern Miss and work with a public accounting firm to become the chief financial officer.



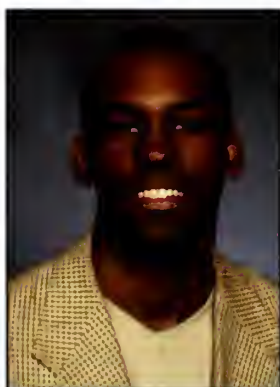
aaron watkins

Aaron Robert Watkins, history and political science major of Hattiesburg, is the son of Nancy Watkins. His activities include: Baptist Student Union; leadership team, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, Golden Key International Honour Society, Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society, premiere director, Southern Style, Survival Group Leader and University Activities Council; major entertainment committee. His honors include: dean's list, Leadership Scholar, Omicron Delta Kappa Outstanding Freshman Male and president's list. Watkins' future goal is to get master's degrees in history and political science and teach at a community college.



keith wilson

Keith Edward Wilson, broadcast journalism major of Ocean Springs, is the son of Edward and Debbie Wilson. His activities include: Campus Civitan Club; president and public relations director, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity; public relations chairman, Eagle Connection, The Legacy, Omicron Delta Kappa; president, vice president, ritual chairman, and newsletter editor, McCarty Residence Hall Advisory Council, Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Chapter; interim president, premiere director, School of Mass Communication and Journalism accreditation committee, Student Broadcasters' Association; president, Student Government Association; public relations committee and student programming committee and Transfer Leadership Board; founding president. His honors include: Campus Civitan of the Year, dean's list, Golden Eagle Welcome Weekend Overall Group Spirit Award, internships with WLOX and WDAM, Omicron Delta Kappa Circle Leader of the Year and Province XI Leader of the Year, special writer in the *Varsity Voice*, SGA Organizational Grant Recipient, Student Organization President of the Year, Transfer Leadership Scholarship and featured in *Student Leader Magazine*. Wilson's future goals are to gain a master's in college student personnel from Southern Miss and become a director at a university to help transfer students transition into the college environment.



prince winston

Prince Deon Winston, architecture engineering technology major of Jackson, is the son of Stanley and Bobbie Brown. His activities include: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; president, Church of God in Christ Fellowship; vice president, Men of Excellence; public relations and fundraising chairman, Minority Affairs; freshman mentor, resident assistant and Student Government Association; assistant chief of staff, assistant director of election commission, assistant director of campus development and senator for the College of Science and Technology. Winston's future goals are to receive a master's in urban planning and landscaping architecture and own a real estate business.

gloria ball

Gloria Jean Ball, psychology major of Pearl, is the daughter of Gloria Ball. Her activities include: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; philanthropy chairman, Residence Hall Association, Psi Chi National Honor Society, resident assistant and *The Southerner*; photographer. Her honors include: AmeriCorp scholarship, dean's list and McNair scholar. Ball's future goals are to attain a Ph.D. in counseling psychology and own a private practice.

arlisha griffith

Arlisha Diane Griffith, is a nutrition and dietetics major from Magee. Her activities include: Afro-American Student Organization; cultural awareness committee, AmeriCorps; student service learning coordinator, Golden Key International Honour Society and Student Dietetic Association; secretary. Her honors include: Afro-American Student Organization Academic Excellence Award, dean's list, Margaret McCarthy scholarship, and president's list. Griffith's future goal is to become a registered dietician who works in the community or with a professional athletic team.

elizabeth kamhieh

Naomi Elizabeth Kamhieh, is a political science and Spanish major. Her activities include: Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, College Republicans, Eagle Connection, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, Golden Key International Honour Society, National Scholars Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society; historian, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, Pre-Law Society; president and *The Southerner*; literary editor. Her honors include: dean's list. Kamhieh's future goals are to become a corporate lawyer in a major corporation, and work as a translator in the U.S. Embassy.

claudia maya

Claudia Marie Maya, international studies major of Terrytown, La., is the daughter of Luis and Alba Maya. Her activities include: Alpha Lambda Delta, Amnesty International, Catholic Student Association, Diamond Darling, Freshman Associates, GAMMA; treasurer and secretary, Greek Seeker, Golden Key International Honour Society, Jr. Panhellenic Delegate; president, Kappa Delta Sorority; vice president of new member education, Lambda Sigma Honor Society, The Legacy, Order of Omega; president, Phi Eta Sigma; president, premiere director and Student Government Association; senator, student activities committee and student diversity committee. Her honors include: 2001 freshman homecoming maid, Academic Excellence Scholar, All-American Scholar, dean's list, Greek Scholar of the Week, Kappa Delta Corre Anding Stegall National Leadership Award and White Rose Model Member, Leadership Scholar and president's list. Maya's future goals are to become an attorney in international law. She would also like to establish charities worldwide that benefit the children of South American countries, especially her native Columbia.

alford perryman jr.

Alford Perryman, Jr., chemistry major of Fayette, is the son of Alford Sr. and Frances Perryman. His activities include: Afro-American Student Organization; president, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., American Chemical Society, Men of Excellence; treasurer, NAACP and Student Government Association; election commission and senator. His honors include: MAMP scholar and McNair scholar. Perryman's future goal is to become a physician.

matthew quin

Matthew Jordan Quin, is a psychology major from McComb. His activities include: President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Psychology Club, Parking and Outside Security Committee, Student Government Association; senator and senior senator for the College of Education and Psychology. His honors include: dean's list, search committee for the dean of the College of Psychology and Education, internship with Congressman Chip Pickering and Student Government Association Outstanding Senator. Quin's future goals are to earn a Ph.D. in counseling psychology and establish a counseling center in McComb.

Beyond academic greatness

Best Citizens

honored for scholarship and citizenship

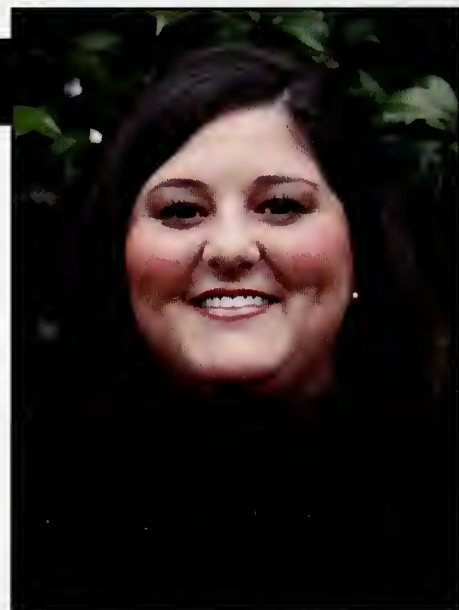


alford perryman jr.

Alford Perryman Jr. from Fayette, is a senior chemistry pre-medical major. His greatest accomplishments include writing legislation for a new spending policy for SGA executive office election, implementing a Rally Against Aids Campaign, McNair scholar, implementing Black Student Alliance / Black Freshman Weekend and being president of the largest student organization on campus which is the Afro-American Student Organization. His fondest memories have come from being a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and being president of the AASO during his junior year. His favorite thing about Southern Miss is the friendly campus environment. After graduating he plans to pursue a career in the medical field as a physician. He would also like to continue to play a big part in the community by giving back by possibly building a facility to accommodate some of the needs of the homeless and less fortunate. Perryman said, "Remember to keep God first in all that you do, study hard, and have fun [enjoy the college life]."

marjorie minor heltzel


Marjoire "Margie" Minor Heltzel, from Vicksburg, is a senior elementary education major with emphasis in math, English, reading and music. Her greatest accomplishments at Southern Miss include being a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, Vice President of Recruitment and Retention for Panhellenic Council, Leadership team of the Baptist Student Union and First Baptist Church, Southern Style, Outstanding Freshman Female 2002, Legacy President, Diamond Darlings and Student Government Association for four years. Heltzel loves Southern Miss because of its hospitable, laid back atmosphere with friendly people. It has been a place that she feels she can call home. Her favorite memories have come from being a member of Delta Delta Delta, going on a Christmas mission trip to East Asia, and painting the Little Rock for the Legacy. Heltzel plans to get her master's degree in education and would like to teach English overseas. She also aspires to one day write children's books. Heltzel said, "Be proud to be a Southern Miss Golden Eagle, love your neighbor as yourself, and sieze the day!" Heltzel said, "My time at Southern Miss has been priceless. I have made many friends and memories that I will never forget."



Highest scholastic honor

Phi Kappa Phi

Silver Bowl Winner

A portrait of Laura Bru, a young woman with long, dark, wavy hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark top with a light-colored, possibly lace, collar. The background is dark and out of focus.

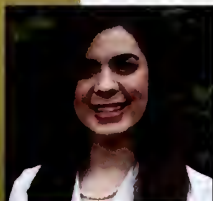
laura bru

Laura Bru, from Mobile, Ala., and a senior member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society was chosen as this year's Silver Bowl winner. Majoring in English and German and minoring in Theater. Bru has maintained a cumulative GPA of 4.0 throughout her time at Southern Miss. Her academic honors and awards include President's List, Presidential Scholarship, Honors College, National Merit Scholarship, and the Honors College Travel Award. Not only has she achieved academically, but she has also become involved on campus by being a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key International Honour Society and the Gay-Straight Alliance. She has participated in the cast of FST Theater Showcase and the Southern Miss productions of "Anton in Show Business" and "Saint Joan." She was the head of costumes in the UWS production of "The Hypochondriac" and assistant wardrobe supervisor in the Southern Miss production of "Dinner with Friends." Bru studied abroad at The University of Wales in Swansea, United Kingdom, where she was also a member of The University of Wales Swansea Drama Society. Her work and internship experience include the Southern Miss Animal Research Facility where she was a lab technician, a tutor at the University of South Alabama Developmental Studies and serving as an office assistant at the Southern Miss office of International Programs. Bru's research interests are German literature, women's studies and European culture post-Communism. Her Honors College thesis is on popular contemporary German women's writing and the effect of German unification on women. After graduation she intends to pursue a Ph.D in comparative literature. Bru has currently been accepted to the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign masters programs in comparative literature.

Already making their mark

Outstanding Freshmen

the future leaders on campus



Ashley Elizabeth Cangelosi is the daughter of Dino and Elizabeth Cangelosi of Mandeville, La. As a student in the Honors College and a Leadership Scholar with a 4.0 GPA, Cangelosi is a member of Chi Omega, Freshman Associates, Catholic Student Association and The Legacy. Cangelosi serves as a Leadership Ambassador and the vice president of Junior Panhellenic.



Kristin Michelle Hamilton is the daughter of James and Carolyn Hamilton of Long Beach. Hamilton is a varsity soccer player and a Leadership Scholar with a 3.83 GPA and is a member of Women in Science and Technology and The Legacy. She is an active member of Alpha Delta Pi where she serves as the director of standards and ethics and chair of leadership.



Ronald Dudley Hebert, Jr., is the son of Ronnie and Rhonda Hebert of Mandeville, La. Hebert is a Leadership Scholar with a 3.93 GPA. Hebert serves as a Leadership Ambassador and chair of the spirit committee of Freshman Associates. He is also a member of Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma.



Brittany Ann Horne is the daughter of Mark and Bobbie Hicks of Leakesville. She is in the Honors College with a 3.67 GPA and a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and Alpha Lambda Delta honor society. Horne serves as the community service chair of Freshman Associates and is the on-campus coordinator for the Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi.



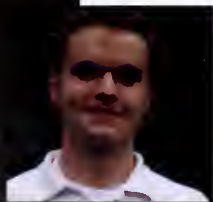
Laura Siltanen Hosman is the daughter of Drs. Lawrence Hosman and Susan Siltanen of Hattiesburg. An active member of Amnesty International and the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, Laura has a 4.0 GPA and is a student in the Honors College. Hosman works with the Center for Human Rights and Civil Liberties and helped organize the Faculty/Student Forum on Sudan.



Cresean Hughes is the son of Carol Beck and Joe Hughes of Grenada. He is a Luckyday Scholar with a 3.81 GPA. Hughes is a member of the Afro-American Student Association, Alpha Lambda Delta, and Phi Eta Sigma. He also serves as a Big Brother with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of South Mississippi.



Robert Price Ledbetter is the son of Robert and Rebecca Ledbetter of Memphis, Tenn. With a 4.0 GPA, Ledbetter is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, The Legacy and Phi Eta Sigma. He serves on the Residence Life Judicial Board and the staff of the *Catalyst*. In addition, Robert is the founding president of Southern Miss United Together.



Stephen Wallis Marsh is the son of Fred and Janet Marsh and Grace Marsh of Jackson. He serves as the public relations director and core group member for the Reformed University Fellowship. With a 3.75 GPA, Marsh is a member of the Gamma Beta Phi, Concert Choir, Habitat for Humanity and Phi Sigma Pi.

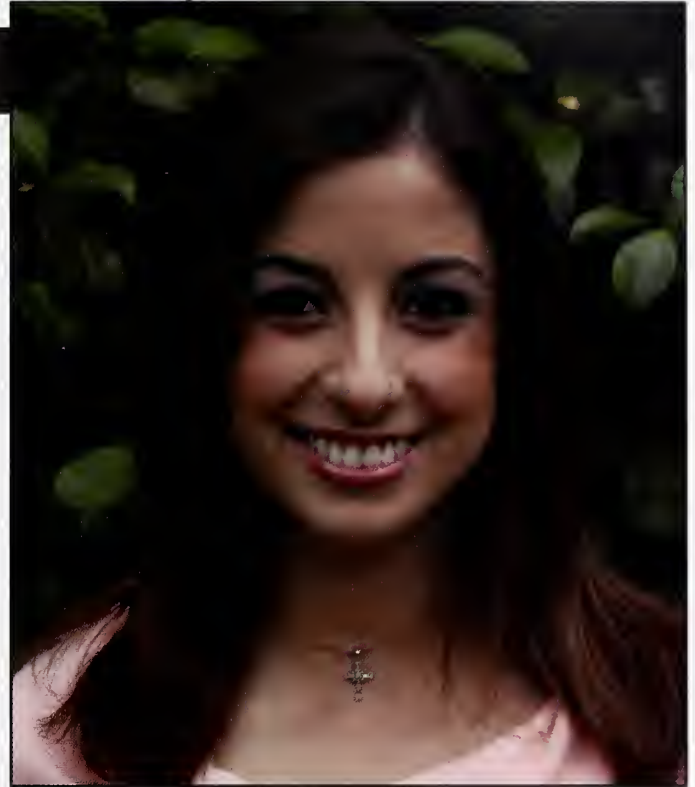
Standing out above their peers

Most Outstanding Freshmen

the top of their class

lauren ashleigh mcdougald

Lauren Ashleigh McDougald is the daughter of Glenn and Mary McDougald of New Orleans. With a 3.76 GPA and Honors College Student, this varsity cheerleader is a member of Delta Delta Delta, University Activities Council and Freshman Leadership Council. McDougald is also a recent inductee of Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma and Gamma Beta Phi Honor Societies.



whitney david meeks

Whitney David Meeks is the son of Joe and Lynda Meeks of Pensacola, Fla. As a member of the University Activities Council, Alpha Lambda Delta, College Republicans and the Catholic Student Association, Whit has a 4.0 GPA. He also serves as pledge class philanthropy chair and public relations chair of Alpha Tau Omega and correspondence co-chair of Freshman Associates.



the crown is passed

Miss University of Southern Mississippi

a night of beauty, grace, talent & charm

Story by Dorian Randall staff writer for *The Student Printz*

Joanna Lee Gaston was crowned Miss University of Southern Mississippi after eight contestants competed for the coveted title.

Gaston, a junior majoring in public relations, was excited when a panel of five judges awarded her the prestigious 2005 title and a \$1,500 scholarship.

"This is one of the most exciting moments of my life," she said.

A native of Mendenhall, Gaston said she learned numerous valuable lessons while preparing for competition. "I learned to just take everything in stride and have patience," Gaston said.

The daughter of Robin Gaston, she will compete in the Miss Mississippi pageant in July.

Sponsored by the Student Government Association, the pageant also awarded three additional contestants. Natalie Goldman was selected first alternate, Kristen Mitchell second alternate and Mary Katherine Ford third alternate.

Goldman, a native of Meridian and daughter of Mike and Sherry Goldman, is majoring in speech communications. She received a scholarship and said the pageant was an enjoyable experience.

"It was the most fun learning who these girls are," Goldman said. "Competing in this pageant has brought me out so much."

Mitchell, a native of Hattiesburg and the daughter of Michael and Cherrie Mitchell, is majoring in speech pathology.

Ford, a native of Newton and daughter of Sammy and Cassie Ford, is an English major.

The Manonni Performing Arts Center was packed as each contestant showed off her interview skills, talent abilities and physical fitness. Awards were distributed for each category and highest GPA, spirit and director's award.

Gaston received the judges interview award; Goldman, talent and physical fitness; Ford, highest GPA among the contestants; Amelia "Mikki" Arender, spirit award; and Laura Guiles, director's award.

Natasha M. Casely-Hayford, the 2004 Miss USM and university honor graduate, was present to give her final performance and address as the reigning Miss USM. She said the pageant is a way to boost self-esteem and build a platform.

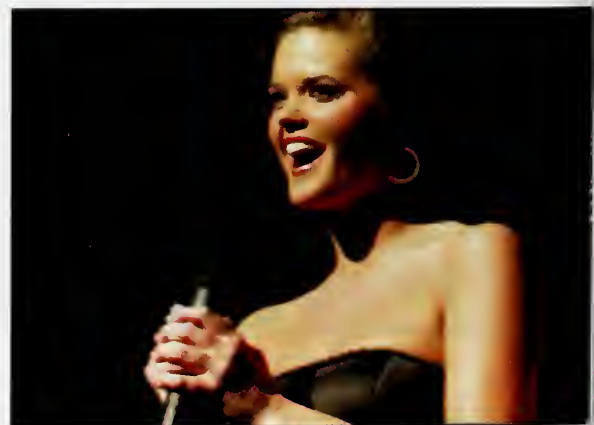
"I learned basically just to be consistent and persistent and keep a level head about life itself," she said.

Casely-Hayford also thanked family, friends and supporters for their dedication and help along the way.

SGA advisor Michael A. Mitchell was pleased with the pageant. "The students presented an excellent show," he said. "I am very proud of all our student's hard work."



Joanna Gaston of Mendenhall took home the crown at the 2005 Miss University of Southern Mississippi Pageant after her performance of *I, Don Quixote (Man of La Mancha)* Photo by Matikia Wilson





Natalie Goldman, speech communication major from Meridian, wowed the crowd with her spectacular lyrical ballet performance. **Photo by Matikia Wilson**

Kristen Mitchell, speech pathology major from Hattiesburg, placed 2nd alternate in the 2005 Miss University of Southern Mississippi Pageant. **Photo by Matikia Wilson**



Mary Katherine Ford performed XXX's and OOO's for the talent portion of the pageant and won third alternate. **Photo by Matikia Wilson**





people & perspectives

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Vegetarian makes Southern Miss home

Sadaf Malik *Story by Audrey Stiles
Photo by Matikia Wilson*



Moving away from home and experiencing a new life is different especially for a vegetarian like Sadaf “Sady” Malik. Malik, 19, sophomore is originally from

Virginia where the majority of her family lives. The interesting thing about Malik is that she is the only vegetarian in her family.

She was about 11 years old when she told her parents that she wanted to become a vegetarian. Malik said that she does not know why she wanted to become one but just decided one day while her and her family were sitting at the table eating.

Malik said “I just told them I’m never going to eat meat again and I have no reason for doing so.” She said she just felt it was the right thing to do. In Virginia, Malik said there are vegetarians who stand on the streets passing out flyers and magazines with information about being a vegetarian.

“They try to get people to become a vegetarian and have many statistics about why you should become one.

“They show you the advantages and disadvantages,” said Malik. “People do cruel things to animals and it is sad. They get some small cages where they stick as many animals as they can in it.

“When it becomes time for the animal to die they do not kill them right then, they torture them by skinning them alive,” she said.

Malik believes that God put animals on earth for a reason and that reason was not to torture them. She said there is also a vegetarian

restaurant back home and wishes that Hattiesburg would develop a similar restaurant. She stressed that vegetarian restaurants have something to offer everybody.

One thing Malik misses about being away from home is her mother’s cooking. Malik said that one downfall about living in Mississippi is there are many fried and southern style foods. Here at Southern Miss, Malik said there was a line for vegetarian in the Commons last semester but with the recent change in dining services, it is no longer there. “I’m not a big person that eats out but mostly I get appetizers,” she said.

Usually when I order I get jalapeño peppers on my food because I like spicy food. When I do eat I eat mostly in the Commons,” Malik said.

Malik really enjoys going to school at Southern Miss but it is different from where she is from. She said, “I like it here but it is more that I have to get used to. I have many friends here at Southern Miss and they make fun of me about being a vegetarian like asking me things like, how would you like a big piece of steak.

She said, “I do not take it serious because I know they are joking. My philosophy is if you want to be a vegetarian be one and if you don’t then don’t.”



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 Abbott, Joshua, Sop
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 Adair, Marlon, Sop

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 Adams, Demarcus, Sop
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Barnes, Rosneka, Fr.
Barnett, Laura, Jr.
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Barrett, Diane, Fr.

Barrient, Ashley, Fr.
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Bennett, Erica, Sop.
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Bennett, Paige, Jr.
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Berry, Kervin, Fr.

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Bivens, Laterrence, Sr.
Bjork, Christy, Grad.
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Providing a platform for transfer students

Keith Wilson

Story by Elizabeth Kamhieh

Photo by Matikia Wilson

Originally from Ocean Springs, senior broadcast journalism major, Keith Wilson is a transfer student from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Wilson opted to attend MGCCC because he has witnessed several of his friends going straight into four-year universities and consequently not faring too well. Wilson said, "Four out of five times each would come back to retake courses at the campus I went to for college." Also contributing to his decision were the ever-rising costs of tuition among other expenses.

With graduation from MGCCC nearing and the decision of transferring growing in urgency, Wilson learned of his dad's illness, bone marrow cancer. After his dad was diagnosed, it became increasingly clear to Wilson that his only choice could be Southern Miss. Wilson knew that the distance from Hattiesburg to Ocean Springs would allow him to travel home often and even quickly if needed.

Active around the campus at MGCCC, upon entering Southern Miss, Wilson received a Transfer Leadership Scholarship. After his time spent on campus, Wilson was also awarded the Mississippi Association of Broadcasters Scholarship in 2003 and 2004.

With the experience of being a transfer student, Wilson realizes how quickly standards change when entering a four-year university. "I see the university on a different level from most students," he said. "The campus is obviously much larger than a community college."

Wilson said, "I think it is different on an academic level," Wilson said. "I have already begun my college career credit-wise and at the same time I already have a GPA and cannot begin from the bottom," he said.

One truly unique characteristic about Wilson is his genuine caring attitude for other people. Created in 2003, Wilson is the founder of the Transfer Leadership Board. Wilson overheard a group of students complaining about different problems they were facing and just how unfair the university treats its large population of entering transfer students. As a result, Wilson felt compelled to do something about this problem. After much discussion with the personnel in The Office of Student Activities and Freshman Year Experience, Wilson developed a new campus organization.

Essentially, the Transfer Leadership Board's purpose at Southern Miss is to attract and welcome by definition, transfer students during their first year. The organization is run by means of allowing transfer students to voice their opinions and concerns about the university. The TLB evaluates topics and concerns transfers face before, during and after attendance at an institution of higher learning. The group tries to bring together the transfer students of another institution and assist each other in areas of need at the university level.

"We are trying to basically develop better leadership and interpersonal communication skills at the university level as well as provide an outlet for transfers to meet one another and become involved," said Wilson. "If you look at Southern Style and Eagle Connection and mix in some Student Government Association, you get TLB," said Wilson.

Wilson has certainly utilized his time at Southern Miss. "Being a student leader on campus and working with people in residence life, student activities, the union and student affairs has driven me to want to excel to the next level of my educational career," said Wilson. "As a transfer student, it is all about 'freeing the power of the individual' at Southern Miss, and I can honestly say I have been able to accomplish that theme."



Children have become his new passion

Ben Walker *Story by Tanesha Craig
Photo by Matikia Wilson*



Education is not just a process throughout life, education is life itself. Ben Walker, 29, can truly say that he has discovered his purpose in life.

As a senior elementary education major, Walker plans to graduate and someday become a teacher. Walker, a native of Hattiesburg, always intended to come to the University of Southern Mississippi.

However, he decided to go to a junior college instead. After attending a junior college, he started working as a web-page and graphics designer. Now, aside from being a full-time student, Walker also finds time to own a computer design company. His business is called Ben Walker Graphics.

So, what exactly brought Walker back to Southern Miss? He chose to come back for various reasons. Walker has a new found joy for children.

"Several years ago at Interaction Factory, which is a hands on arts and science center, I began to realize that I truly enjoyed working with kids," he said.

Walker said The Interaction Factory works with and for the Hattiesburg Public school systems.

Walker is now ready to graduate and begin a new chapter in his life as a teacher. He has interests in teaching second, third or fourth grade.

"These group of students are old enough to explain themselves better...young enough not to be stifled by what other people think of them," he said.

Walker certainly has a passion for education. "I don't feel like I have to work at it at all that much," Walker said. I am still a kid myself, yet I have more toys than most kids.

"I also know that they have not been exposed to the things that make you hard or cold in life, the incentives, the unbridled curiosity. If you ask a question, they give you a genuine answer," he said. Walker said he truly believes he will make an impact on a child's life.

"Treating everyone with the same respect opens the door to communication," he said.

"Communication is a key experience to impact positively and make your mark in a child's life," he said.

Walker said, "Never let a student know that something is too hard, they start the class with the mind set that it will be difficult than it really is.

Some of Walker's plans for the future consist of receiving the national board of certification. Walker said he is not rushing to leave the state, but he is ready to move on and venture into another chapter in his life.



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Blye, Scott, Sr.

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Bryant, Lakeisha, Jr.

Buchanan, Abigail, Sop.
Buchanan, Molly, Fr.
Buckelew, Jessica, Fr.
Bueto, Jessica, Jr.
Buford, Carmen, Jr.
Bullen, Hannah, Jr.
Bullock, Janet, Jr.

Bullock, Tenecia, Sr.
Bullock, Yvette, Jr.
Bumgardner, Bridget, Sop.
Bunkley, Chris, Fr.
Bunkley, Steven, Fr.
Burchfield, Jennifer, Jr.
Burks, Kimberly, Jr.

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Burrage, Benadora, Sop.
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Bush, Kathryn, Sop.
Butler, Charity, Jr.

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Byrd, Kristi, Jr.
Cabana, Kristin, Sop.
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Cagler, Brandi, Jr.
Caillouet, Ryan, Jr.

Calhoun, Kari, Fr.
Cameron, Jarhonda Lynn, Sr.
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Carlson-Thornton, Lynn, Sr.
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Carr, Cycelia, Sop.



College and bartending; the perfect mix

Mandy LeMoine

Story by Kendra Blakley
Photo by Jessica Jackson

Normally working as cocktail waitresses, it seems that it is rare to see females in any other position. Mandy LeMoine is the exception. Working at one of Hattiesburg's hot spots The Library, LeMoine serves up drinks all night. LeMoine, 23, a sophomore majoring in mathematics, returned to school after a one year hiatus from college to get married. LeMoine and her husband relocated from their hometown of Shreveport, La., to Hattiesburg two years ago. Originally, LeMoine was a housewife while attending school full-time but this routine soon took a toll on her. "I got bored with always staying at home and shopping. I didn't know how much more shopping I could do," said LeMoine.

In order to satisfy her time, LeMoine began to train as a bartender. The hard work soon paid off and after four months of training, LeMoine was hired at The Library and began work right away. Not only does LeMoine bartend, but she is also in charge of training newly hired cocktail waitresses. "One reason [to be a bartender] that I know every college student can relate to, is that it helps pay for school," said LeMoine. Along with being a college student, one must accept that their lives can get significantly hectic. For that reason, working as a bartender allows LeMoine the flexible schedule needed for success as a college student. "Sometimes classes and the work that comes along with them can be overwhelming, but unlike a regular nine till five this job is more lenient with time," said LeMoine. In fact, LeMoine recalled a time when she was bogged down with school work and was permitted three days absence in order to study and perhaps re-group.

Although her schedule is very flexible, LeMoine is constantly dealing with the day to day struggle of her job and school. "It is very tiring. Sometimes I only get three to four hours of sleep a night," said LeMoine. As a result of her classes being scheduled only twice a week, LeMoine's days tend to be extra long. In order to keep from being too exhausted, LeMoine takes naps whenever the opportunity arises.

It is fun and it is something that I really enjoy." LeMoine said a benefit of the job is that it allows her a relief from stress. "It is like a job at a club," she said. "It is a sweet release from daily stress, especially since you are in an upbeat party environment," said LeMoine. Not only does she have an enjoyable job, but LeMoine also gets to enjoy it with her husband who is consequently the general manager of the club.

"I love where I work and I love working with people that I know well and not in some office behind a desk," said LeMoine.

LeMoine said being a bartender teaches her tolerance. "I would highly recommend this job for anyone, but only if they can tolerate it." According to LeMoine, being a bartender requires the knowledge of dealing with the people in a certain way. "I always make sure that I take the time to talk to people, I enjoy it more that way."



Living in America; language and culture

Vanessa Baez and Tae Nakajima

Story by Melissa Roughton
Photo by Melissa Roughton



Vanessa Baez, 19, from Columbia, South America and Tae Nakajima from Japan are both enrolled in the English Language Institute. They have both traveled from their respective countries in order to master speaking the English language. Baez said, "I thought America would be something different and new to experience."

Nakajima said, "It was a very good opportunity for me to come over here to learn how to speak English."

Collectively, Baez and Nakajima have studied at Southern Miss for 24 months. Baez, with 14 months under her belt said that it took her two to three months to learn English. By contrast, Nakajima said that it took her about five months to learn English. Both girls said that learning English is a very hard process because they did not know much about the language to begin with. Specifically, they said the hardest part of mastering the language was the bizarre order and sentence structure.

Baez and Nakajima said they chose to come to Southern Miss as a result of tuition costs. "I came here because it was one of the cheapest schools to go to," Nakajima said. Nakajima said she also said that the schools in Japan are much more expensive as compared to schools in America. However, Baez said that while school here is far more overcrowded, it is also more expensive than the schools in Columbia.

With the length of time spent at the University, it is no surprise that Baez and Nakajima have come to develop opinions about the campus. "My most favorite thing at Southern Miss is the library because everything

I need I can get it at the library," Baez said. Nakajima is particularly fond

of the commons for its easy access and prepared meals. "It is great, I never have to prepare anything myself," Nakajima said. On the other hand, Baez and Nakajima both think that the public transportation system is underdeveloped.

"The public transportation system needs some work because I can not get anywhere," Baez said. Nakajima said that she has had to depend on friends to get her from one place to the other.

When it comes to feelings about America, Baez praised the level of security and trust as opposed to the dangerous nature of Colombia. Although Baez feels safe in America she has missed the traditional foods served in her country. Nakajima has come to appreciate the lobby for equal rights in America.

With a common goal of learning English in mind, both Baez and Nakajima learned far more about America than expected. "I wanted to learn English and I did but I also learned about the country and that to me is very interesting," Baez said. Likewise, Nakajima learned about the culture of Americans specific to the south. "I learned a lot about American culture but I found that the southern culture is in its own category," Nakajima said.

For both girls, the feeling of returning home is bittersweet. Baez and Nakajima know they will have to leave behind a culture they have come accustomed to. "I will miss always hearing the English language and eating the food," Nakajima said. Although they will reunite with their loved ones at home, Baez will particularly miss her developing relationship with her boyfriend here. "It is going to be hard and I will miss him very much," Baez said.



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 Carroll, Jennetha, Grad.
 Carson, Anthony, Jr.
 Carson, Joshua, Jr.
 Carson, Rebekah, Fr.
 Carter, Brittany, Jr.
 Carter, Chrystal, Jr.

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 Carter, Latoya, Fr.
 Carter, Mark, Fr.
 Carter, Terica, Sop.
 Caruthers, Geanovia, Sr.
 Casey, Redd, Fr.
 Cash, Antoine, Sr.

Cash, Constance, Sr.
 Casper, Josh, Fr.
 Cato, Jermaine, Sr.
 Caviezel, Lauren, Fr.
 Chamberlain, Heather, Fr.
 Chambers, Jarvis, Jr.
 Chambers, Latonya, Jr.

Chambers, Octavia, Fr.
 Chandler, Glenn, Jr.
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 Charlesworth, Bradley, Fr.
 Chatan, Toria, Sr.
 Chatlani, Ashley, Jr.
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Cheairs, Dexter, Jr.
 Chess, Sabrina, Fr.
 Childress, Charles, Jr.
 Christmas, Derron, Jr.
 Chughtai, Mansoor, Jr.
 Cimo, Elizabeth, Sop.
 Clancy, Chara, Sr.

Clark, Chance, Sop.
 Clark, Christopher, Sop.
 Clark, Courtney Nicole, Fr.
 Clark, Jennifer, Fr.
 Clark, Jessica, Fr.
 Clark, Joshua, Fr.
 Clark, Joy, Jr.

Clark, Melissa, Fr.
 Clark, Rhonicia, Jr.
 Clark, Jr., Ricky, Fr.
 Clark, Zaccardo, Sop.
 Claverie, Yvette, Jr.
 Clayton, Tara, Jr.
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Cliburn, Patrick, Sop.
 Coaker, Lauren, Jr.
 Cochran, Staci, Fr.
 Coffey, Darell, Jr.
 Cole, Quitina, Fr.
 Cole, Teneicia, Sr.
 Cole, Trakena, Jr.

Coleman, Angela, Sop.
 Coleman, Balencia, Fr.
 Coleman, Jerwaski, Sop.
 Coleman, Tractia, Fr.
 Colenian, Angela, Sop.
 Collette, Kathleen, Fr.
 Collins, Austin, Fr.

Collins, Lashonda, Jr.
 Collins, Portia, Jr.
 Collins, Renard, Jr.
 Commiskey, Kaitlin, Fr.
 Conerly, Toni, Sop.
 Cook, Andrew, Jr.
 Cook, Jerra, Sop.

Cook, Kimberly, Fr.
 Cook, Kimberly, Jr.
 Cooley, Sheldy, Jr.
 Coots, Katrina, Sr.
 Cornette, Jennifer, Jr.
 Cornette, Jon, Jr.
 Cornwell, Karen, Jr.

Cote, Chuck, Grad.
 Courtney, Fields, Sop.
 Covington, Carrie, Sr.
 Cox, Eric, Sr.
 Cox, Sean, Sop.
 Cox, Taurean, Sop.
 Craig, Tanesha, Fr.

Crane, Mike, Fr.
 Crassley, Davida, Grad.
 Crayton, Jessica, Sop.
 Cripps, Alan, Fr.
 Crisler, Cris, Sop.
 Criswell, Mason, Fr.
 Crosby, Alex, Jr.

Crosby, Elizabeth, Jr.
 Crowley, Brandon, Fr.
 Crump, Terence, Jr.
 Cunningham, Brad, Sr.
 Cyprian, Kristin, Fr.
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 Daneault, Jacqueline, Sop.

Daniel, Cory, Jr.
 Daniels, Keouchie, Sop.
 Daniels, Sheena, Sop.
 Dantzer, Joni, Fr.
 Darby, Matt, Fr.
 Darby, Robert, Sr.
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Darden, Shalandria, Sr.
 Darnell, Amanda, Sop.
 Davenport, Jessica, Jr.
 Davenport, Mounish, Sop.
 Davenport, Ryan, Jr.
 Davidson, Kimberly, Sr.
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Davis, Antonio, Fr.
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 Davis, Elese, Fr.
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 Davis, Hollie, Sr.
 Davis, Jessica, Fr.
 Davis, Kaderick, Sr.

Davis, Lynsey, Fr.
 Davis, Mallorie, Sop.
 Davis, Matthew, Fr.
 Davis, Meghan, Fr.
 Davis, Rossalyn, Sop.
 Davis, Veronica, Jr.
 Dean, Chad, Sr.



Back in the game with a new game plan

Rosie Robertson

Story by Melissa Roughton

Photo by Melissa Roughton

Rosie Robertson, a coaching and sports administration major, is a non-traditional transfer student from Gulfport. Robertson has recently transferred to Southern Miss from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College after taking a sabbatical from school. While attending MGCCC, she has diligently worked on completing a five-year degree plan in three years time.

"I feel like I pay more attention and associate more importance with college and schoolwork now that I am attending classes as an adult," said Robertson. Robertson said she feels more grounded and observant as a student. She said she takes more pride in her grades now especially with being a mom and wanting to be a good role model for her daughter to look up to.

Robertson said, "I believe that junior college gave me a good foundation to be able to transfer to Southern Miss." As well as working diligently to finish her degree, Robertson has received many awards and many leadership opportunities from both MGCCC and Southern Miss.

Robertson's perceptive on Southern Miss is an exceptional one. She feels that Southern Miss is a continuation of her educational experience. "My professors are knowledgeable and have great teaching skills to accommodate every student," she said.

The classes are taught on the same level no matter if you are eighteen or ninety," said Robertson. Although Robertson has not yet completed her degree, she has already begun to implement the skills she has learned into her job. Robertson is a volunteer coach for the community youth sports. Robertson also has a coaching position in Gulfport at St. John High School. It is there that she coaches the seventh and eighth grade girl's basketball and fast pitch softball teams. Robertson also works in the fitness center at MGCCC Jefferson Davis Campus.

Robertson has expressed the fact that she believes a good education is good for any one at any age. Robertson said, "After having some bumps in the road, I felt that I was very welcomed on the campus as a transfer student." She said that she would recommend Southern Miss to anyone who is trying to get thier education because of her perception and experiences of Southern Miss. Robertson has overcome a lot of difficulties in her life to get where she is today and has a lot to show for everything she has accomplished. She has shown that no matter what age someone is they can come back to school and achieve anything that they want to.



A legacy built upon a strong foundation

Stephanie Bower

Story by Elizabeth Kamhie

Photo by Kiet Le



Stephanie Bower, 19, freshman marketing major, is perhaps one of the most interesting legacies at Southern Miss. The daughter of the head football coach Jeff Bower, Stephanie would like nothing more than to distinguish herself separately in terms of her own abilities and characteristics.

"I am proud of my parents but I would like for people to know me for who I am as a person," said Bower. Although Bower is excited and proud to be at Southern Miss, she stands firm in her belief of being treated like any other college student.

"A lot of people know me as Coach Bower's daughter," she said. "It is an honor when people ask me and I have the privilege to say yes.

"My dad has done incredible things here and I am glad that I am here with him," said Bower.

Bower said it is an advantage to have her dad coaching while she attends Southern Miss. "I actually get to see my dad more now that I am in college than I did when I was in high school," said Bower.

By contrast, Bower has definitely discovered the one disadvantage to her father's position. "If I ever make the executive decision that I am too tired and don't want to go to class, I know that he will find out," said Bower. "If I am not there, my dad will be the first person to know. I absolutely love it though and I wouldn't change it for anything," she said.

While working toward building a name for herself, Bower definitely has a daunting schedule between classes, cheerleading, sorority functions and meetings in addition to other organizations.

"I have had a great time so far being a cheerleader at Southern Miss,"

she said. "It is a lot of hard work but I know it is just making me a better cheerleader," said Bower.

"We have a great cheerleading squad and a new coach that has done a great job in helping us to start all over."

Bower was essentially born a golden eagle. "I didn't even apply to any other universities so thankfully I had what it took to get into Southern Miss," she said.

Bower and her father are certainly able to share a special connection, specifically during each football game. Her father's position as head coach and her involvement in the cheerleading squad allow them both to take part in something that has consumed such a great part of their lives. "I have always wanted to cheer for my dad," said Bower.

Consequently, in addition to paying tribute to her father through cheerleading, Bower has continued in her mother's legacy by becoming a member of Kappa Delta Sorority.

"Following in my mom's footsteps has always been important to me and now I have done it," said Bower. "The experience has been better than I imagined it to be. I have been a Golden Eagle as long as I can remember and I always will be."



Dean, Jessica, Jr.
 Dean, Sara, Jr.
 Dedeaux, Ashley, Jr.
 Dedeaux, Chad, Jr.
 Defatta, Jason, Jr.
 Dejarnett, Quincy, Jr.
 Delancey, Jr., James W., Sop.

Demarcus, Stewart, Sr.
 Denenea, Clarence, Sop.
 Derrick, Samantha, Sop.
 Desiree, Sartin, Sr.
 Devereaux, Megan, Sr.
 Devine, Dominique, Sop.
 Dhar, Mallika, Grad.

Dickerson, Garrett, Fr.
 Dickerson, Travis, Sr.
 Dillon, Jeremy, Sop.
 Dinkins, Lasheika, Fr.
 Dixon, Ashley, Sr.
 Dixon, Quanita, Sr.
 Dobson, Brandon, Fr.

Dodge, Anna, Fr.
 Donald, Lillian, Jr.
 Douglas, Alana, Sop.
 Downs, Christine, Fr.
 Drye, Emily, Jr.
 Dubard, Chancis, Sop.
 Duckworth, Lacey, Jr.

Ducote, Heather, Sr.
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 Dunaway, Ginny, Jr.
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 Duncan, Shondra, Sr.
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 Easton, Ciji, Jr.
 Echols, Sherika, Sop.
 Edwards, Jarrod, Sop.
 Edwards, Myron, Sr.

Edwards, Octavia, Fr.
 Ekpro, Enobong, Sop.
 El-Murr, Christina, Sop.
 Elder, Tancy, Fr.
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 Ellzey, Margaret, Jr.
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Emfinger, Joseph, Fr.
 Epperson, Tabitha, Sr.
 Epps, Alexis, Jr.
 Epps II, Christopher, Sop.
 Erve, Tinesha, Sop.
 Erwin, Latasha, Jr.
 Etheridge, Drew, Fr.

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 Evans, Kevin, Jr.
 Evans, Shaquita, Fr.
 Everett, Joshua, Jr.
 Ewing, Jarvis, Jr.
 Fabra, Vincenzo, Sr.

Facist, Erica, Jr.
Faggard, Ashley, Sop.
Fails, Anthony, Sr.
Fair, Kevin, Fr.
Fairchild, Belinda, Sr.
Fancher, Phillip, Sr.
Ferguson, Hope, Fr.

Ferguson, Jill, Fr.
Ferguson, Kala, Sop.
Ferguson, Lucy, Jr.
Ferrer, Brandi, Fr.
Fields, Derek, Fr.
Fields III, Willie, Fr.
Fillingim, Jessica, Fr.

Fininen, Chiquita, Jr.
Fiorentini, Andrea, Fr.
Fisher, Brandi, Fr.
Fleming, Lydia, Jr.
Fletcher, Janice, Fr.
Flowers, Fallon, Jr.
Flynn, Kevin, Jr.

Fontenot, Renisha, Sop.
Ford, Mary Katherine, Jr.
Fortenberry, Maegan, Sop.
Fortenberry, Samantha, Sop.
Fountain, Ayesha, Fr.
Fournier, Maggie, Sop.
Foutain, Kimberly, Fr.

Frazier, Chip, Sop.
Frazier, Leigh, Jr.
Frazier, McKenzi, Jr.
Frederick, Bianca, Jr.
Freeman, Bobby, Sr.
Freeman, Teresa, Sr.
Freiman, Will, Jr.

Friday, Marva N., Sr.
Friedmann, Les-Leigh, Jr.
Frizzell, J.D., Sr.
Fruge, Jennifer, Jr.
Fryder, Melissa, Fr.
Frye, Johnalynn, Fr.
Fulgham, Emily, Jr.

Funches, E'Tan, Jr.
Gaines, Caleb, Fr.
Gandy, Jessica, Sr.
Gang, Isaac, Sr.
Ganison, Queeneice, Sop.
Gant, Desiree, Sr.
Gardner, Ariel, Sop.

Gardner, Frank, Sr.
Gardner, Seth, Fr.
Garner, Amy, Jr.
Garner, Robin, Fr.
Garrett, Comekio, Jr.
Garrett, LaFredia, Sop.
Garrett, Tiffany, Sop.

Gaston, Anna, Fr.
Gaston, Joanna, Jr.
Gates, Cortney, Fr.
Gatlin, Niki, Fr.
Gauchet, Kristen, Sr.
Gausline, Heather, Jr.
Gauthreaux, Teddi, Jr.



Coordinating a healthier Southern Miss

Brittany Horne

Story by Carla Finklea
Photo by Melissa Roughton

Brittany Horne, cares about your health. Really...,she does. Horne, 18, freshman nursing major from Leakesville, is the on-campus coordinator for Campus Coalition. Campus Coalition is a program under the Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi.

"Our mission is to promote healthy lifestyle choices such as tobacco awareness," Horne said. Horne said their mission also includes their cessation program, which is a quit line that offers assistance to people who wish to cease their use of tobacco. Horne said Campus Coalition is also an advocate for the Clean Indoor Air Act on campus.

"This is the first year that they've had the coalition on campus," said Horne. "So it's really new and under construction and growing, but we have a lot of plans.

"We also work with Student Health Services in the clinic to promote responsible drinking and pass out survival game day kits," said Horne. The survival game day kits include literature on alcohol and tobacco, rubber band bracelets and first aid kits.

Horne said the survival game day kits are to encourage people to have a plan if they intend to drink during football games. Horne said their plan should include having a way a to get home, having a designated driver or simply walking but most importantly, being responsible for their actions while consuming alcohol.

Horne said she was involved with Frontline, a high school organization under the Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi. "I kind of knew about the college program, so when I got here I got in contact with some people and there was a job opening for this position [on-campus coordinator] and I applied, interviewed and I got it," Horne said.

Horne works 20 hours a week at a small table in the Office of Student Activities along side Secretary, Melissa Carpenter, Assistant Director of Student Activities, Mary Beth Walker and Coordinator of Student Activities, Brant Ryan. Horne said it is fun working with them in the Student Activities office. "Coming here I didn't know anybody and that worried me because I've always been so involved in everything," Horne said.

"So coming to the campus and working here I get to meet tons of people because they are constantly turning in activities forms," Horne said.

As on-campus coordinator, Horne said she plans activities that are targeted directly to the students. She said their main focus is the game day survival kits, but other projects and events include Relay for Life, Paint the Campus Pink and the Great American Smoke Out. "It's a fun job," Horne said. "I get paid to do fun things, [and] plan fun things."

Horne said her goals for Campus Coalition are for people to be familiar with their cessation program, promote a more healthier lifestyle and environment for everyone and help anyone who needs or wants help quitting tobacco use and making people aware of the harmful effects of an unhealthy lifestyle.

All while taking classing and working 20 hours a week Horne said she has made the transition from high school to college very well. "It's been a lot easier than I thought," Horne said. "People have been understanding and helpful and working [here] has made me more comfortable."

"There's times that I probably don't sleep and I'm stressed, but it's been a really good time," Horne said. "I wanted to get a good education, but I also wanted to get the whole college experience."



The unique life of a traveling musician

Laiel McSwain

Story by Lakeshia Allen
Photo by Matikia Wilson



Laiel McSwain, junior music education and performance major, expresses herself through her love for music. Currently taking 26 hours of courses, McSwain is tremendously involved with Southern Miss academically.

In addition to her course load, McSwain enjoys playing music and performing with various orchestras. She particularly loves to play the saxophone among other instruments. McSwain has traveled to several states including Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kansas and Texas in order to share her dedication to music.

While being well versed with the art of the alto saxophone and piano, McSwain also enjoys singing. She uses her special talents in many ways and through various organizations. Sharing her soulful music with others, McSwain is a dedicated member of the African American Student Organization and plays her saxophone for the AASO gospel choir.

In her local and district orchestra, the R.M. Orchestra, she is the director. McSwain also teaches music at her local church. In the past, McSwain has played with the Southern Miss Saxophone Orchestra as well as the Southern Miss Jazz Lab Band.

“My true inspiration of music came from God. I have played the saxophone since I was ten years old and God has blessed me with this gift to bless his people everywhere,” McSwain said.

With her life so immersed in the arts, McSwain finds support from an ideal place. “My family has been a great support to me in everything I do,” McSwain said. “I appreciate that greatly.”

In order to continue practicing and perfecting her talents, McSwain thrives off of the praise she receives from Ben Grace, the AASO choir director. “Laiel McSwain is an exceptional saxophonist for the AASO gospel choir,” Grace said. “She is a talented, energetic young lady. She works hard to achieve her goals and she gets things done,” Grace said.

McSwain also receives praise from her fellow AASO choir mates. “McSwain is a great asset to the AASO gospel choir. I can’t imagine it without her,” Krystal Pollard said.

“She is a very talented player,” said Milton, an ASSO choir member.

“I love the style that she plays in while we are singing,” Milton said.

Obviously this amount of work has the potential to cause a great deal of stress, but for McSwain, music is her escape.

“Music is who I am,” McSwain said. Music is what I do. I live to play music. I live to be music. One day I hope to play in God’s orchestra in Heaven.”



Gearing, Angela, Sr.
Gee, Jennifer, Jr.
Ghunmeyeen, Michelle, Sr.
Gibson, Ramona, Sr.
Gieger, Congetta, Jr.
Gilbert, Roderick, Grad.
Gillam, Xavier, Fr.

Gillies, Amy, Jr.
Gillis, Jennifer, Fr.
Gilmore, Kathy, Jr.
Gilson, Kendrick, Sr.
Gipson, Latoya, Sop.
Giuhon, Kathleen, Sop.
Givens, Bonnie, Jr.

Glass, Klarayanda, Sop.
Glenn, Shacona, Jr.
Glover, Shelby, Sop.
Godfrey, Matthew, Sop.
Goldman, Erica, Sop.
Goldman, Natalie, Jr.
Gollott, Todd, Fr.

Golmon, Jennifer, Sr.
Good, Vererica, Jr.
Goon, Anansa, Sr.
Gordon, Jessica, Jr.
Gordon, La'Tacita, Jr.
Gordon, Michelle, Jr.
Gosa, Meagan, Fr.

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Gouaux, Allison, Sr.
Gouaux, Gene, Sop.
Grace, Bernard, Sop.
Grady, Heather, Jr.
Grafton, Leah, Jr.
Graham, Andrea, Sr.

Graham, Shemika, Fr.
Granes, Barbie, Sop.
Grant, Clyde, Sop.
Grantham, Jordan, Sop.
Grantham, Robert, Jr.
Graves, Brooke, Jr.
Gray, Carrie, Sr.

Gray, Denise, Sr.
Gray, Jazmyn, Fr.
Gray, Nedra, Jr.
Gray, Tonita, Jr.
Grayson, Rachel, Sr.
Green, Jennah, Sr.
Green, John, Fr.

Green, Kimberly, Fr.
Green, Lori, Jr.
Green, Marquita, Jr.
Green, Reggie, Sr.
Green, Richard, Fr.
Greene, Jeffrey, Sr.
Greer, Brian, Jr.

Greer, Frank-Joseph, Fr.
Greer, Jeff, Jr.
Greer, Kristi, Sr.
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Griffin, Jerrica, Sop.
Griffin, Marquita, Sr.
Griffin, Victoria, Jr.

Griffith, Arlisha, Sr.
 Grubbs, Molly, Sr.
 Grubbs, Suzi, Jr.
 Gruich, Lauren, Fr.
 Grush, Heather, Fr.
 Guerrero, Krystal, Sr.
 Guidroz, Courtney, Sr.

Guin, Jamie, Sr.
 Gunn, Jennifer, Fr.
 Guo, Mary Jia, Fr.
 Guy, Leavern, Sr.
 Hagan, Sara, Fr.
 Hailey, Jordan, Sop.
 Haley, Dwana, Jr.

Hall, Charles, Jr.
 Hall, Patrina, Sr.
 Hall, William, Sr.
 Hamilton, Stacey, Jr.
 Hamm, Jerry, Jr.
 Hammer, Brent, Sr.
 Hammer, Melissa, Jr.

Hammond, Markeshia, Sop.
 Hammons, Jennifer, Jr.
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 Hardiman, Marlo, Jr.
 Hardin, Kawana, Sop.
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Harmon, Neal, Sop.
 Harness, Breonna, Fr.
 Harper, Jillian, Fr.
 Harper, Stephanie, Sop.
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Harris, Tillan, Fr.
 Harris, Tineciaa, Sr.
 Harris, Yvett, Sr.
 Harris-Seals, Natissikia, Sop.
 Harrison, Lesley, Sr.
 Hart, Chris, Fr.
 Hart, Sommer, Jr.

Harvey, Latahra, Fr.
 Harvey, Sherita, Sr.
 Harwood, Kristina, Sop.
 Hastings, Katherine, Sop.
 Hathorn, Latoya, Sr.
 Hathorne, Ashley, Jr.
 Hawkins, Charlie, Sop.



Noting the changes through the years

Harry Ward

Story by Melissa Roughton

Photo by Melissa Roughton

Harry Ward, an art instructor from Bay St. Louis, and New Orleans, La., has been teaching at the University of Southern Mississippi since the fall of 1967. Ward, a teacher in the Department of Art, uses his own analogies to help explain lessons to his art students. He has the ability to think of an everyday occurrence and apply it to his teachings. Ward is a teacher that takes the time to show his students exactly what they are to do on their projects and gives them direction on where they can improve in different areas of their work.

Ward's perception of Southern Miss has changed over the years of his career. "When I came to Southern Mississippi it still had the feel of a small college and between 1967 and 2004 it has become a major university," said Ward.

"Along with the feel of a small college in 1967, it had a small staff and a small art department," said Ward. He also explained how the art department only took up half of the first floor of Marsh Hall fine arts building when he came in 1967.

However, the Department of Art now occupies the entire first floor of Marsh Hall fine arts building. He has not only seen the change on campus, but has seen the change on Hardy Street in front of the campus itself.

"In 1967, Hardy Street was only two lanes and had one restaurant and a barbour shop across from the campus," said Ward.

While Ward has been teaching at Southern Miss he has taught over 6,840 students in the art department. Of all of the students he has taught, the last 38 are currently employed at Southern Miss. With his time teaching at Southern Miss, Ward has taught numerous classes including 2-D design, 3-D design, figure drawing, drawing and art appreciation. Ward also taught in the Honors College for five years. Within the last 38 years of his time at Southern Miss, Ward held the position as the art department chair for four of those years.

Among other changes, Ward said that the academic calendar has also changed throughout the years. "When I first came to Southern Mississippi they were on the quarter system and over the years changed to the semester system," said Ward. "The curriculum has not changed a lot because teaching visual arts is the same everywhere," said Ward. "The biggest changed has been in the advancement of technology."

Ward plans to retire soon. Ward said, "I will miss teaching, but I will still keep producing my art work."



Chosen to show students a path to faith

Joshua Cable *Story by Audrey Stiles
Photo by Kiet Le*



The pivotal question of one's existence, purpose or mission in life is nothing short of uncommon. For Joshua Cable however, this question has not consumed much of his life. Cable, 22, senior human resource management major from Jackson, is a part of a ministry that started on the Southern Miss campus in the fall of 2003. As a freshman Cable hung out with friends that lived their lives consistently around the beliefs of God. Cable said, "At that time we knew that God would do something awesome here on campus."

"This is something that I think God had for us to do here at USM and that is where the name Chosen Ministries comes from," he said. The group is composed of people from several different denominations. The group is made up of dynamic people with different backgrounds who each bring something rare and unique to the group as a whole. Cable said this ministry is quite unique. "We call it ministries because it is ministries within a ministry. It is like a church but we have a choir, praise team, Christian sorority, a guy's discussion group and a prayer team," said Cable.

When Chosen Ministries was first started, it consisted of seven members. In order to get the organization going they had prayer among themselves. Initially, the meetings were held in Bond Hall but later moved to the Union. When it comes to advertising Chosen Ministries' events, the group chooses an informal approach. "We just get out and spread the word ourselves and eventually people started coming," said Cable. "At the time we were not really an organization here on campus but an organization among ourselves. Our group became approved in the fall of 2003," he said.

After the approval, Cable was officially the leader of the group. "I knew that God wanted me to lead this group even before I entered college," said Cable. Cable refers to Joshua 1:8 as his "career scripture," because it kept him in high spirits when he was a music performance major and a minority studying classical music.

"The Lord has been dealing with me by giving me a vision that the Chosen Ministries at Southern Miss will become a full time ministry on campus and will be a job for me after graduation," he said. In order to make that happen, while being in music performance, Cable felt frustrated and had no peace during rehearsal because he could never seem to get anything right. Eventually, Cable took a chance and switched majors. "I stepped out on faith and took that [human resource management] as my major and from that point on I had peace," said Cable. "The Lord confirmed to me that this major is going to help develop me into the person I was meant to be and that he would help guide me towards this."

Chosen Ministries has 25 members and, Cable said the Lord has kept all of his promises consistently. On campus Chosen Ministries has put on several events that specifically focus on people getting to know and forming a better relationship with Jesus. According to Cable, the organization has both a mission and a vision statement. Their mission statement is, "We are here to break up traditions and confusions in the body of Christ and to build a relationship with God." Their vision statement is, "We have a vision to draw all nationalities in new ways to cause them to become true worshippers of God."

"Our group is open to anyone who has the love for God and trying to know God," Cable said.



Hawkins, D'Juan, Sop.
Hawkins, James, Sop.
Hawkins, Jennifer, Sop.
Hawkins, Jessica, Jr.
Hawkins, Jio Yarketta, Fr.
Hawkins, Justin, Jr.
Hawkins, Rosanna, Sop.

Hawkins, Taneka, Sr.
Hawthorn, Isaac, Sr.
Hay, Shannon, Sr.
Hayes, Kimberly, Jr.
Hayes, Lashena, Fr.
Hearn, Marcus, Sop.
Hebert, Ronald, Fr.

Heidelberg, Sarah, Sr.
Helton, Kimberly, Jr.
Hembree, Keith, Jr.
Hembree, Kelly, Fr.
Henderson, Elbony, Sop.
Henderson, Frank, Sop.
Hendry, Heather, Sr.

Henley, Amanda, Sop.
Henry, Aretha, Jr.
Henry, Michael, Sr.
Henson, Nathaniel, Fr.
Henson, Tiffany, Fr.
Herndon, Leigha, Sop.
Herrington, Christie, Sr.

Hester, Ben, Sr.
Hester, James, Sop.
Hicks, Jana, Fr.
Hicks, Kristin, Fr.
Hicks, Robert, Jr.
Hicks, Trsa'Mone N., Jr.
Higginbotham, Kellen, Sr.

Higgins, Billy, Jr.
Hill, Brandon, Fr.
Hill, Chiquita, Jr.
Hill, Greta, Sop.
Hill, Kelly, Fr.
Hill, Jr., Rufus, Sop.
Hill, Tiffany, Fr.

Hilton, Haley, Fr.
Hilton, Kyle, Fr.
Hilton, Mario, Sr.
Hinton, Adrienne, Sop.
Hinton, Kayla, Jr.
Hinton, Miles, Fr.
Hirsch, Rebecca, Sop.

Hobson, Richmond, Sr.
Hodges, Douglas, Jr.
Hodges, Kimberly, Fr.
Hoffmann, Johnathan, Sr.
Hofshneider, Nathaniel, Sop.
Holcomb, Greg, Sr.
Holdiness, Kevin, Fr.

Holifield, Kenya, Sop.
Hollingsworth, Virginia, Jr.
Holloway, Stephanie, Sr.
Holmer, Stan, Jr.
Holmes, Laquindalynn, Fr.
Holt, Jevette, Fr.
Holtz, Melissa, Sop.

Hooks, Consuella, Jr.
Hopkins, Ivan, Sr.
Hopson, Christina, Sr.
Hopson, Rayshun, Fr.
Horn, Ashley, Fr.
Horne, Brittany, Fr.
Horne, Lauren, Fr.

Horton, Cory, Sop.
Hosey, Nathan, Sr.
Hoskins, Sakina, Sr.
Hoskins, Tyrice, Sop.
Hough III, Robert, Fr.
House, Kasey, Sr.
Houston, Robert, Sr.

Howard, Christie, Sop.
Howard, Jennifer, Fr.
Howell, Emily, Fr.
Howell, Hunter, Sop.
Howell, Shelley, Jr.
Hudson, Brian, Sr.
Hudson, Kristin, Jr.

Huff, Maressa, Jr.
Hughes, Ashley, Sop.
Hughes, Cresean, Fr.
Hughes, Felicity, Fr.
Hughes, Lester, Jr.
Hulitt, Deborah, Fr.
Hunt, Trevor, Sr.

Hurst, Faith, Sr.
Husband, Michael, Sr.
Hutchison, Stacy, Sr.
Huynh, Kim, Sr.
Hyde, April, Jr.
Hymel, Kimberly, Fr.
Ide, Micheal, Sr.

Imran, Muhammad, Jr.
Ingebretsen, Karin, Jr.
Irby, Alisha, Sr.
Irby, Steven, Jr.
Ivins, April, Jr.
Ivy, Jennifer, Sop.
Ivy, Shenika, Sop.

Jackson, Elizabeth, Fr.
Jackson, Erin, Sr.
Jackson, Janell, Sr.
Jackson, Jasmeial, Fr.
Jackson, Jessica, Jr.
Jackson, Joshua, Jr.
Jackson, Lekeba, Jr.

Jackson, Tabitha, Fr.
Jackson, Zalika, Fr.
Jacobs, Leandra, Sr.
Jacobs, Stephe, Fr.
Jalvia, Lyndsey, Sop.
James, Catrina, Sop.
James, Emma, Jr.

James, Erret, Fr.
James, Ronekia, Jr.
Jamison, Scott, Sop.
Jefferson, Rodella, Sop.
Jenkins, Amy, Sop.
Jenkins, Ashley, Jr.
Jenkins, Nettie, Fr.



Full of loyalty, duty and service

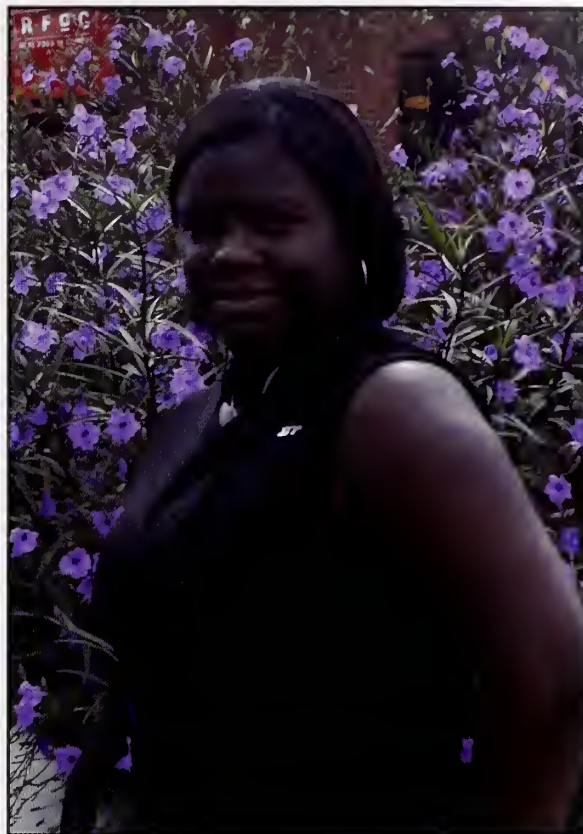
Margo Green *Story by Christy Bjork*
Photo by Matikia Wilson

Many students know what the words loyalty, duty, selfless service, respect, integrity, honor and personal courage mean. But how often do you see a college student live up to such accolades? Margo Green, 23, a senior computer science major from Natchez, MS lives up to them everyday in everything she does.

On Feb., 8, 2003, Green traded her life as a college student to serve in Iraq in the Army National Guard. Chosen to serve in the line of duty, Green prepared by spending much of her spare time with her close friends and sorority sisters of Sigma Gamma Rho. "I was leaving a part of me here," she said as she left Southern Miss. Leaving her best friends, Green could only think of the memories she would be missing with her sorority sisters and embarked on a journey of courage that has impacted her life greatly.

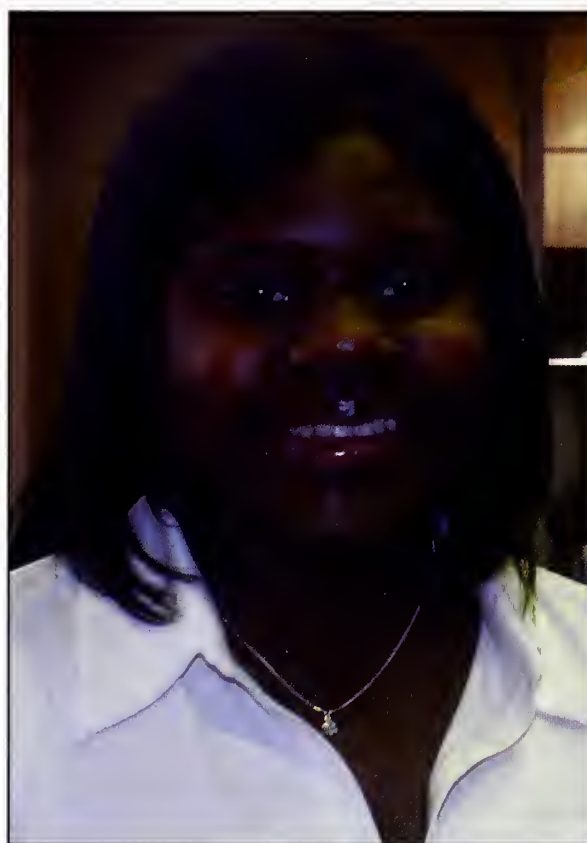
While serving in Iraq she performed her duties as a clerk by organizing plans, arms and design projects. Even though she was thousands of miles away, her sorority sisters managed to keep her updated on the many activities that were happening at Southern Miss through numerous emails.

When she returned from Iraq in early April of 2004, she promptly reenrolled in school to finish her degree. Upon her arrival, the ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho hosted a dinner in honor of Green for her service and dedication. "I was happy to see them and was looking forward to working with them," Green said. Currently, her duty is to serve as president of Sigma Gamma Rho. As she reminisced about her many experiences in Iraq she said, "I am praying for [the soldiers] and hope they all come home safely to [their] family and friends."



The first lady of campus entertainment

Shavonn Nowlin *Story by Kendra Blakely
Photo by Matikia Wilson*



Shavonn Nowlin, 21, paralegal studies major is not just your average student, she is in fact the head honcho of the University Activities Council.

Nowlin said, she has always been the social butterfly. "I was a very social person," she said. "I was very involved in my high school and I made sure that people knew me." It seems that nothing has changed since then. "I was very involved in high school and that only made me want to be more involved in college," Nowlin said.

Nowlin has been a member of UAC for four years, but this is her first year as president.

Nowlin, being a member of UAC and being the first woman president is completely different.

"I am seeing the organization in a different view because of new responsibilities," she said. Not only am I concerned about the officers, but there are also 64 other people that I have to be concerned about," Nowlin said.

Since becoming president Nowlin said that there have been little changes to the UAC. Nowlin said that the number of people chosen to be a part of the organization has increased. She said that fifteen more people were chosen this year to participate in the UAC. This is a challenge for Nowlin because she had difficulty finding things to keep everyone busy.

This was only a minor change in the activities council, but according to

Nowlin they have been in the process of revamping the organization for new changes. "There is always room for improvement," Nowlin said.

Nowlin is responsible for a large part of overseeing activities on campus. Nowlin said that there are so many resources available to find different vendors to contact for planned events that the job is not really daunting. "However, as president I do not plan events, I just oversee events," Nowlin said.

With the difficulties and stress aside, Nowlin said that she enjoys the responsibilities that come along with being the leader of the pack the majority of the time. She enjoys it because of her fellow officers and because there is never a dull moment. Being such a people person has allowed Nowlin to really be the person she is and flourish at the same time.

"With my position in the organization, I definitely get to interact with a lot of people and to me that is a huge benefit of being in the UAC," Nowlin said. With her position on campus, Nowlin said she is always trying to improve in any area that she can. She said she attends conferences regularly to learn how to plan and run different events while also gaining tips from other schools.

Nowlin said, assuming such a high position in an organization does not leave much room for leisure time. "It is very very time consuming," Nowlin said. "It usually takes up four days out of the week and three to four hours in a day depending on the event that is being planned," Nowlin said.



Jenkins, Tonya, Fr.
Jennings, Dinah, Sr.
Jernigan, Jeff, Sr.
Johnson, Angelica, Fr.
Johnson, April, Jr.
Johnson, April, Sop.
Johnson, Brittney M., Sop.

Johnson, Candice, Sop.
Johnson, Candice, Sr.
Johnson, Candis, Sop.
Johnson, Corey, Jr.
Johnson, Jasmine, Fr.
Johnson, Jeannette, Fr.
Johnson, Johnny, Jr.

Johnson, Kimberly, Sop.
Johnson, Latoya, Sop.
Johnson, Latoya, Sr.
Johnson, Latrinia, Fr.
Johnson, Lester, Sop.
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Johnson, Sharae, Sr.
Johnson, Shawn, Sop.
Johnson, Terri, Fr.
Johnson, Touya, Fr.

Johnson, Yolanda, Jr.
Johnston, Ashley, Sop.
Johnston, Laurie, Sop.
Jones, Adam, Sop.
Jones, Ashley, Jr.
Jones, Cynthia, Jr.
Jones, D'Andrea, Fr.

Jones, Derek, Sop.
Jones, Dominick, Sop.
Jones, Fiona, Fr.
Jones, Gregory, Sr.
Jones, Jennifer, Sop.
Jones, Katrina, Jr.
Jones, Melissa, Sr.

Jones, Racheal, Sop.
Jones, Sheneka, Sop.
Jones, Tamra, Sop.
Jones, Tiffany, Sop.
Jordan, Byron, Fr.
Jordan, Derrick, Jr.
Joseph, Rankin, Sop.

Kattengell, Cornne, Sop.
Keeton, Larry, Fr.
Kellar, Tara, Sr.
Kelley, Angela, Jr.
Kelley, Janna, Jr.
Kelley, Paula, Fr.
Kelly, Eric, Sr.

Kelly, Jimmy, Jr.
Kelly, Krystal, Jr.
Kelly, Michael, Sr.
Kelly, Schkaria, Fr.
Kemp, Kneeli, Sop.
Kennard, Crystal, Jr.
Kennedy, Kera, Fr.

Kerwin, Alex, Jr.
Keyes, Percy, Sop.
Khan, Elijah, Grad.
Kidd, Tirrica, Sr.
Killings, Tevondrea, Sop.
King, Belita, Sr.
King, Christin, Sr.

King, Colin, Fr.
King, Deneatris, Fr.
King, Devita, Jr.
King, Jami, Sr.
King, Jillian, Sr.
King, Lorenzo, Fr.
King, Melissa, Sop.

King, Tamela, Jr.
King, Terry, Sr.
King, Thomas, Sr.
Kiqus, Jamie, Fr.
Kirby, Neal, Jr.
Kirkpatrick, Kim, Sop.
Kitrell, Brandon, Fr.

Knight, Angela, Sr.
Knight, Harrison, Fr.
Kocken, Andrew, Sop.
Kpinkpin, Boakai, Grad.
Kren, Adrienne, Jr.
Krhut, Sydney, Sop.
Kuehl, Chris, Sop.

Kuhn, Meagon, Fr.
Kurusu, Tomomi, Eli
Kwarting, Tasha, Jr.
La Rosa, Anzie, Sr.
Labeaud, Lawrence, Fr.
Lacy, Blake, Sr.
Lamb, Jessica, Jr.

Lamb, Joanie, Jr.
Lambert, Erin, Jr.
Lance, Stefanie, Sop.
Landrum, Melody, Sr.
Landry, Danielle, Jr.
Lane, Alicia, Sr.
Lang, Olivia, Fr.

Langston, Anisha, Sop.
Larry, LaDrena, Sop.
Lavergne, Shanna, Jr.
Lavoie, Michelle, Fr.
Lawrence, Greg, Jr.
Lawrence, Janie, Sr.
Lawrence, Mandy, Sop.

Lawson, Robyn, Fr.
Layus, Jacqueline, Sr.
Lazenby, Kaci, Fr.
Lazzarino, Jonathan, Fr.
Le, Kiet, Fr.
Leake, Joey, Fr.
Lecompte, Yolanda, Sr.

Leddy, Marilyn, Sr.
Lee, Andrea, Sop.
Lee, Carla, Jr.
Lee, Ce'Nedra, Sr.
Lee, Fredrick, Sop.
Lee, Hope, Jr.
Lee, Jacqueline, Jr.



He's getting unfinished business done

Reggie Collier

Story by Lakeshia Allen
Photo by Matikia Wilson

A part of the rich Southern Miss history, Reggie Collier, a former football player, parlayed his skills and gained a spot in the professional league. An early exit from college, Collier was drafted into the AFL, the NFL and ultimately into the United States Football League.

The football legend of Southern Miss went pro but returned to college to earn his degree during the summer of 2002. He then graduated with Dean's List honors August 2004.

The man of integrity, intelligence and inspiration, Collier is a motivating factor through all aspects of the football program.

Particularly, he is a huge advocate with regard to education. Collier is passionate about being the best of the best and he often applies this ideal to the importance of education.

"The current team is a great group," Collier said. "They are focusing on education as well as participating greatly.

"The educating staff has done a great job with emphasis on education. They are a great group of guys. Eighty percent of them will have an education and will succeed," Collier said.

Collier was a part of the freshman class in 1979 who made a turn in football and took Southern Miss to another level. As a freshmen, Collier and his teammates played the first ball game while eventually placing Southern Miss in the national rankings and top ten for the first time.

In 1983, Collier's professional life began. He was drafted to the USFL by Birmingham as a Stallion in January of 1983. He was later drafted by the Washington Federals. In 1985, he played for Orlando, ending his USFL career. The NFL was Collier's next step. He was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in 1986 and by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1987.

Collier began his experience in the AFL. He was drafted by Orlando in 1991 and Albany in 1993. Collier played the quarterback position with optimism. "It was a great opportunity," Collier said. "That is what you strive for as an athlete. I am extremely pleased," Collier said.

Collier returned back to Southern Miss after 22 years to finish his college education. His personal perspective was to finish what he started.

"I think Southern Miss was a great place then and it is a great place now," Collier said. After graduating, he was offered a position as the coordinator of athletic development and community relations.

As an inspiration to football players, Collier tells about his football career, education and professional experiences. He said the four years that he had at Southern Miss were the best of his life. Collier said each and every player should experience their college life to the fullest extent possible.



With soulful sounds and a positively...

Unique Image

Story by Kathy Gilmore
Submitted photo



In 2001, four young men with an ambition to pursue music, and a hunger to succeed in the music industry, started their journey to success by performing at different programs held on the Southern Miss campus.

It was not but a year later when the fifth member was added to complete the group's unique soulful sound.

On Feb. 13, 2002, Unique Image was established and ready to take their musical talents to the next level. Each member contributes a significant attribute that enables the group to function as a unit.

Unique Image consists of Michael Welch, 22, a senior marketing major who produces many lyrics to the songs for Unique Image. Corey Norwood, 22, a senior criminal justice major that aids in the public relations for the group, Vince Heard, 23, has a bachelor's degree in music

industry and also produces the collaboration of lyrics and beats for the songs, Dennis Clark, 23, has a bachelor's degree in computer science and also focuses on the technical support of the group and Thomas Morris, 22, a senior electrical engineering technology major assists Norwood in public relations for the group.

"Each element inputs 20 percent to generate a 100 percent finely tuned singing machine," says Norwood. Unique Image has had many performances in the Hattiesburg area. They were invited by the Southern Miss chapters of NAACP and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., to pay a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by singing an old spiritual entitled "Swing Low Sweet Chariot."

The group's harmony strengthened the significance of the song and their performance was captivating to all who were around. "Unique Image makes modern classics for the new generations," said Morris. Some artists that have given Unique Image a greater appreciation and understanding of concepts and perspectives of music are the Temptations, Stevie Wonder and Dru Hill.

Although Unique Image has not been signed to a recording label, they have managed to record and release their first single in February 2004 titled "Serenade..." The single has been played on several radio stations in the region such as Hattiesburg's Wild 106.3, 102.5 and 92.1, New Orleans's Q 93.3, Jackson's Hot 97.7 and 90.1 and Nashville's 92 Q.

"The group is not motivated by the jobs that they have, but by the jobs they want," said Norwood. Their next CD will be released Spring 2005. A great number of their productions are held in the studio of a member's apartment. Unique Image will be featured in a hip hop magazine "Tha Hole."

Unique Image will be the first rhythm and blues group to have an excerpt in the magazine. "Being unique is more than our lifestyle, it is our image," said Morris.



Lee, Jerri, Fr.
 Lee, Megan, Sop.
 Lee, Natalie D., Sop.
 Lee, Trina, Sr.
 Leland, Heather, Fr.
 LeLand, Michelle, Fr.
 Leonard, Sarah, Sop.

Lepre, Jennifer, Sop.
 Lestremay, Lauren, Jr.
 Lesure, Jr., Frank, Sr.
 Lewis, Bradley, Fr.
 Lewis, Deanta, Fr.
 Lewis, Jr., John, Sr.
 Lewis, Nicholas, Fr.

Lightsey, Dana, Sr.
 Liminski, Patrick, Jr.
 Linden, Darin, Sr.
 Lindsey, Donnie, Sr.
 Liner, Allyson, Fr.
 Littles, Maquitta, Sr.
 Littleton, Tamitra, Sop.

Livingston, Joshua, Sop.
 Loaiza, Juan, Grad.
 Lockett, Kimberly, Grad.
 Lockhart, Elizabeth, Sr.
 Loehr, Don, Sop.
 Loiselle, Albert, Sr.
 Lomas, Thomas, Jr.

London, Kashondra, Jr.
 Long, Elizabeth, Fr.
 Long, Selina, Jr.
 Lott, Shan, Fr.
 Lott, Stacey, Sop.
 Love, Shalundra, Fr.
 Lovinggood, Hillary, Fr.

Lovvorn, Kati, Fr.
 Lowe, James, Sop.
 Lowe, Kristen, Sr.
 Lowery, Charles, Sr.
 Lowery, Partick, Fr.
 Lowry, Amy, Jr.
 Lucas, Rashunda, Fr.

Lucas, Zundra, Fr.
 Lumpkin, Nick, Jr.
 Lumzy, Jr., Arthur, Sr.
 Lupo, David, Jr.
 Lycedia, Gasaway, Sr.
 Lyle, Dominique, Fr.
 Lyles, Kerriel, Fr.

Lynn, Nic, Jr.
 Lyons, Rodney, Sop.
 Mackey, Mary Alice, Jr.
 Maddox, Ginger, Fr.
 Maestri, Elizabeth, Sop.
 Magee, Kinyatta, Sr.
 Magee, Latoya, Sr.

Magee, Learetha, Fr.
 Magill, Mandi, Jr.
 Malik, Judy, Sop.
 Malone, Daniel, Sop.
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 Malore, Kendra, Sr.
 Manuel, Alex B., Fr.

Mapp, Jabari, Jr.
 Marshall, Debra, Sr.
 Marshall, John, Sop.
 Marslender, Amy, Jr.
 Martin, Amelia, Fr.
 Martin, Cassie, Sop.
 Martin, Celeste, Sop.

Martin, Jamelia, Fr.
 Martin, Kira, Jr.
 Martin, Lakesha, Sop.
 Martin, Linda, Sop.
 Martin, Marcus, Fr.
 Martin, Qualon, Jr.
 Marzoni, Kelly, Jr.

Massey, Allison, Sop.
 Mathis, Cheri, Jr.
 Matta, Joe, Grad.
 Matthews, Jade, Fr.
 Matthews, Marlo, Sop.
 Matthews, Marshica, Fr.
 Matthews, Sylvester, Jr.

Mauffary III, Conrad, Fr.
 Maurer, Greg, Fr.
 Maxson, Jr., Craig, Fr.
 Mayhall, Lindsey, Jr.
 Maynard, Reo J., Jr.
 Mayo, Jennifer, Jr.
 Mays, Karen, Sop.

McAbeu, Undrea, Fr.
 McBeth, Laporshia, Jr.
 McBride, Mallori, Fr.
 McCall, Katherine, Sop.
 McCann, Demetria, Sr.
 McCartney, Christi, Sr.
 McCarthy, Kevin, Fr.

McCleave, Tiffany, Sr.
 McClendon, Courtney, Sop.
 McClintock, Eryn, Jr.
 McCormack, Sheena, Sop.
 McCormick, Jr., Troy, Sop.
 McCoy, Kristy, Jr.
 McCoy, Matt, Sop.

McCoy, Ryan, Fr.
 McCrary, Carlie, Fr.
 McCraw, Tasha, Sop.
 McCroy, Courtney, Sop.
 McCullum, Stephanie, Jr.
 McDaniel, Lucia, Jr.
 McDill, Stephen, Sop.

McDougald, Lauren, Fr.
 McDowell, Rachel, Fr.
 McEwen III, Billy, Sr.
 McFadden, Jenny, Sr.
 McGee, James, Fr.
 McGee, Tracey, Jr.
 McGill, Andrea, Sr.

McGloster, Byron, Fr.
 McGowan, Lois, Fr.
 McGowan, Pamela, Sop.
 McGrath, Sarah, Jr.
 McGraw, Kirby, Jr.
 McHugh, Jason, Sr.
 McInnis, Ashlie, Jr.



On the job training in the 'real world'

Steve Hash *Story by Melissa Roughton
Photo by Melissa Roughton*

Steve Hash, 22, senior graphic communications major from Hattiesburg, has already begun working in his field with a freelance studio called Kamikaze Studios.

Working for groups like Interpol and Underoath, Hash runs Kamikaze studios by designing logos for different bands. Before starting Kamikaze Studios, Hash was a drummer in a punk band called the Remnants. The band, part of Grrr Records based out of Chicago, toured around the country from New York to Las Angeles playing in local bars.

It is through his band that Hash has gotten many of his contacts for Kamikaze Studios. After touring with his punk band, Hash came to Southern Miss to earn a degree in graphic communications. Choosing to come to Southern Miss proved to be an economic decision for Hash.

"The biggest reason I picked Southern Miss was because of the low tuition cost and I had scholarships," Hash said.

Clearly living a life inspired by the arts before college, Hash has continued his passion with his concentration centered on graphic communications. Hash said that the art program is of a good caliber and he especially enjoys his professors. Along with the good education he is getting he likes the fact that the classes are small.

"It makes it easier for one-on-one time with my teachers," Hash said. "It really helps," Hash said. While attending school and running Kamikaze Studios, Hash predicts it will take him five years to complete his degree



Hash, currently working with Interpol and Underoath, originally began as a freelance designer.

"Kamikaze Studios is really beginning to take off," Hash said. "I wanted to start Kamikaze Studios because I knew that is what I wanted to do with my degree," Hash said. With that in mind he went ahead and started the freelance studio to get his foot in the door and gain more experience for the real world after college.

Hash said that it is hard to find time for school and his studio. "It can be very stressful because of the big work load with school," Hash said.

"Basically all I do is work either on school work or on Kamikaze work," Hash said. Despite constantly working on projects for either school or Kamikaze, Hash said he would have it no other way.

"Both school and Kamikaze Studios are really important to me," Hash said.

After he graduates from Southern Miss Hash plans to find a permanent location to house Kamikaze Studios. However, before owning his own studio he would like to get a job in another studio to learn the ropes and really understand every aspect of owning his own place.

Ideally, Hash said he would like to move to the North or the West Coast to open his studio. With all of these goals in mind Hash said, "School is really important to me and I always want to do my best." Although he is anxious to open his studio, Hash said that his main focus right now is to soak up all he can from his professors.

She's not your typical lady professor

Dr. Kate Greene

Story by Tanesha Craig
Photo by Kiet Le



A woman of courage, strength, valor and dedication are just a few words that depict Dr. Kate Greene. If the name does not ring a bell, Dr. Greene is one of the only two women who are currently tenured educators in the political science department. If you are still unsure of who she is, well...she is also known as the “infamous cat woman.” She and several of her colleagues take care of all the felines on campus.

Dr. Greene has been teaching at the University since 1989. When she first arrived at the University, she was the only tenured woman professor for eight years.

“I wanted to give back to the state,” she said. She said most of her family is from Mississippi so the decision was natural.

Dr. Greene said the University and the political science department have drastically evolved over the course of time.

“When I first arrived at USM, there were hardly any minority educators on campus,” she said. As time progresses, students have become more computer-illiterate and not as focused,” she said.

In the classroom, Dr. Greene said she creates an atmosphere where students feel comfortable in contributing during discussions. “Within my classroom, I try to get my students involved and make them interact with one another,” she said.

Dr. Greene teaches several courses including American government, public law, introduction to law, constitutional law, civil rights,

women and politics, and occasionally women studies.

Dr. Greene has a true love for cats and, it was no surprise when she began caring for the cats on campus. “In 1994, Joseph Parker started feeding the cats and I joined and so did many others,” she said. Dr. Greene said she provides food and health care.

“We trap the cats and take them to the doctor where they are then tested for diseases,” she said. For the past 10 years Dr. Greene has been there for the cats and all the funds to support these efforts come straight from her pocket.

“I was displeased and a little disappointed with the student government’s decision that they made in the fall semester about the cats,” she said. “They should have looked into it more, instead of jumping to conclusions. The cats don’t and haven’t injured anyone.”

In her spare time, Dr. Greene shares her passion for music and poetry. She is currently a member of the band “Shady Oakley’s,” formed last spring. The other band members include: Chris Miles, professor of Spanish, Joby Bass professor of geography and Chris Werle. Dr. Greene recites poetry while the band plays in the background.

Dr. Greene is also known for her personal tragedy. “Fifteen years ago in Memphis, I was raped,” she said. “I begin every semester letting my students know that I am a rape survivor and I am very open to also let my students know about my sexual preference as a being a lesbian.” Dr. Greene has turned her personal experiences into a positive by serving on women’s committees and boards. “I am very happy with myself and my life in how it’s turned out,” she said.



McInnis, Tiffany, Sop.
McIntosh, Shannon, Jr.
McIntyre, Tameka, Jr.
McKay, Susan, Sop.
McKee, Kasey, Fr.
McKenzie, Aaron, Sr.
McKenzie, Michael, Sop.

McKercher, T. Jamie, Fr.
McKinley, Alvin, Sr.
McKinney, Breonna, Sop.
McLaurin, Sandra, Sr.
McLelland, Andrea, Sop.
McLendon, Lenton, Jr.
McManus, Mary Anna, Jr.

McMillian, Keshia, Sop.
McNamara, Justin, Jr.
McNeil, Russell, Jr.
McNulty, Dedrian, Jr.
McQueen, Joseph, Sop.
McQueen, Sara, Sr.
McSwain, Elijah, Sop.

McSwain, Eunice, Sop.
Meeks, Whit, Fr.
Mercier, Jason, Sr.
Merkosky, David, Fr.
Metcalf, Danielle, Jr.
Miller, Asriel, Fr.
Miller, Charnette, Jr.

Miller, Erin, Fr.
Miller, Kathrine, Fr.
Miller, Leanne, Sr.
Miller, Molly, Jr.
Miller, Quintasha, Sr.
Miller, Whitney, Fr.
Mills, Shaney, Fr.

Millsap, La'Tonia, Jr.
Milton, Lakendria, Fr.
Milton, Renita, Fr.
Mingo, Linsey, Fr.
Minion, Josh, Jr.
Minor, Latessa, Jr.
Minor, Terri, Jr.

Miranov, Nicole, Fr.
Mitchell, Colby, Fr.
Mitchell, J. T., Jr.
Mizell, Morgan, Sop.
Moak, Chris, Sr.
Moffett, Theresa, Jr.
Montague, Brett, Sr.

Montgomery, Chanell, Fr.
Montgomery, Tamika, Sop.
Moody, Semiko, Jr.
Mooney, Katie, Jr.
Moore, Chad, Jr.
Moore, Courtney, Sop.
Moore, Crystal, Sr.

Moore, Gwana, Fr.
Moore, Heidi, Jr.
Moore, Luci, Sop.
Moore, Madison, Fr.
Moore, Mark, Fr.
Moore, Monica, Jr.
Moore, Victoria, Sop.

Mora, David, Jr.
Moreland, Druhan, Jr.
Moreno, Veronica, Fr.
Morgan, Dana, Sr.
Morgan, Keri, Jr.
Morgan, Shatarah, Fr.
Morgan, Stacy, Sop.

Mosley, Kalesha, Sop.
Mosley, Travis, Jr.
Moss, Erica, Fr.
Moxley, Sara, Sr.
Muir, John A., Jr.
Mullen, Rachel, Fr.
Munger, Catherine, Sr.

Murin, Daniel, Fr.
Murphy, Tiffany, Sop.
Murray, Christina, Jr.
Murray, Colandus, Jr.
Myers, Baeily, Fr.
Myers, Joseph, Fr.
Myhand, Donna, Sr.

Myrick, Lora, Sop.
Nahmens, Mary, Fr.
Nairangu, Murugi, Grad.
Nakayama, Akiko, Eli
Napier, Stephanie, Sop.
Naquin, Jara, Sr.
Nash, Alyce, Fr.

Nath, Candace, Sop.
Nations, Daniel, Fr.
Naylor, Barbara, Sr.
Necaise, Amanda, Jr.
Neely, Jessica, Fr.
Nelson, Heather, Fr.
Nelson, James, Sop.

Nelson, Laquesia, Jr.
Nesser, John, Sr.
Netchaev, Anton, Sop.
Neu, Andrea, Grad.
Newell, Elizabeth, Jr.
Newman, Chelsea, Jr.
Newman, Lucy, Fr.

Newsom, Rosalind, Sr.
Newsom, Yolander, Sop.
Newsome, Heather, Jr.
Newton, Annilee, Sop.
Nguyen, Duy, Fr.
Nguyen, Hong, Sr.
Nguyen, Tina, Fr.

Nguyen, Yen, Sr.
Ngwu, Ngozi, Sop.
Nichols, Christina, Sop.
Nichols, Jennifer, Sr.
Nichols, Reginald, Fr.
Nicholson, Ashley, Fr.
Nicholson, Sara, Sop.

Nick, Melissa, Fr.
Nix, Junior, Sop.
Norwood, Ashley, Fr.
Noustens, Cassandra, Fr.
Nowlin, Shavonn, Sr.
Nsenda, Claudine, Sop.
Nutt, Elizabeth, Sop.



One of the sharpest tools in the shed

Tom Sharp

Story by Carla Finklea
Submitted photo

What were you doing when you were 19? Some people were figuring out how to do pack their worldly possessions into a U-haul to embark on this cultural phenomenon called college. Tom Sharp was hauling his worldly passions to Mississippi to get two masters degrees.

Sharp, 19, business and sports administration graduate student from Port Orchard, Wash., has been in college since he was 15. Sharp said he enrolled in a program called Running Start, which was a dual enrollment program that helped him earn his associates degree from a local community college and his high school diploma in one sweep.

He then attended Western Washington University and majored in marketing. Sharp said it only made sense for him to get his masters. "I gave it some thought, cause I got my marketing degree when I was 19 and thought about entering

the business world," Sharp said. "But then I thought there would be those awkward times, cause a lot of business deals are made over a few drink [and] I thought about how embarrassing that could be," Sharp said.

"Most people don't think I'm 19," Sharp said. "School's pretty safe and by the time I get both degrees I'll be 21, and I won't have that [age] problem," Sharp said.

Sharp said he is bashful about the age situation, and he doesn't parade around the fact that he is 19. Actually, up until this is publicized Sharp said people will think he's 22. Sharp said in the past he has respect issues from others. He said his maturity and abilities were doubted. He said he experienced this when he worked at Best Buy in Washington. "Once I really got into the position I better showed them that I could do the job and do it really well," Sharp said.

Sharp said was employee of the month at Best Buy the very first month cause he sold a lot of television systems. "There's doubters out there and I want to prove them wrong," Sharp said. "I think I can do it."

Sharp said he took an assistantship from Southern Miss to work as a hall director in Bond Hall. "It's [the South] is nothing like the media perceives it to be," Sharp said.

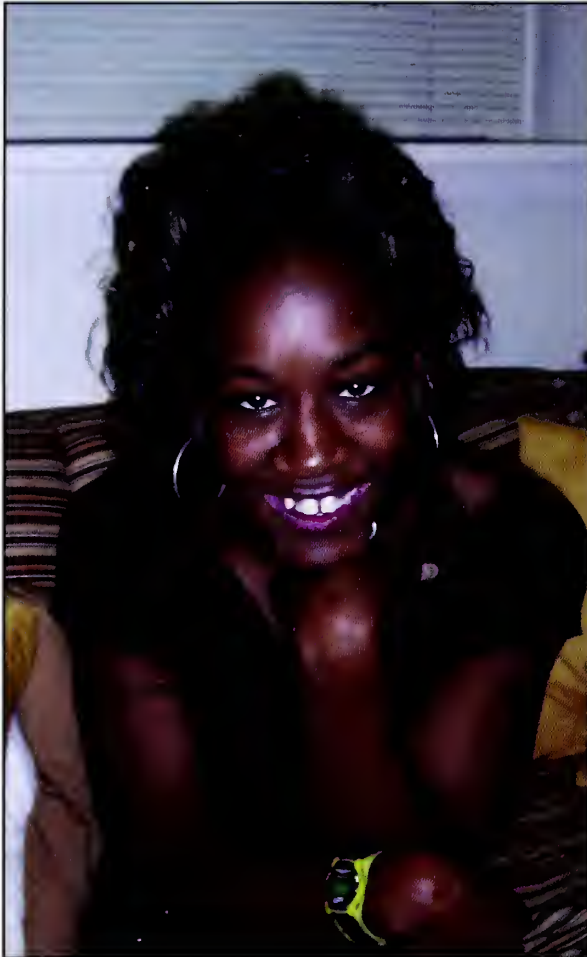
Sharp said he sought out a hall director position so he could help the department and they could help him in return. "I saw that as a real win-win situation," Sharp said. "They get me...I get a degree. It was pretty positive," Sharp said jokingly. "We [Bond Hall staff] work really hard to remove the old stigmas of Bond Hall," Sharp said. "I feel like we have a good reputation and we're doing really well for a group of guys, because we give 110 percent."

Sharp said he likes the interaction that comes with being a hall director. "I've been able to put my flavor into the year," Sharp said. "I've seen things grow and feel like I have a big part of that and that really means a lot to me."



Living positive and taking it step by step

Nikki Powell Story by Carla Finklea
Submitted photo



“Whenever I looked at myself in the mirror I didn’t see a girl that was just a girl,” said Nikki Powell, freshman journalism major. “I saw a girl with a disability and nothing more.”

“I had very low self esteem,” Powell said. She said in high school she had to deal with people making fun of her because of the way she walked.

“The older I got, I realized that shouldn’t matter,” she said. “You should love yourself for who you are.”

“I could have been blind or in a wheel chair, but the Lord blessed me to be a girl that walks with a cane,” said Powell. “I have just started to accept my disability.”

Powell, the 18-year-old, Jackson native was diagnosed with spastic diplegia, a form of cerebral palsy that causes problems with balance. Powell said she has to watch her weight, because this could worsen her spastic diplegia.

Since Powell has come to Southern Miss, she said her parents and her vocational rehab sponsor have provided her with a scooter to get around on campus. She said people always say they want her scooter and Powell said sometimes she does not even want it. Vocational rehab also provides her financial assistance to attend college for free. Powell said she is required to maintain a 2.0 to keep her scholarship.

Powell said her disability doesn’t stop her. She said she tries to attend most campus sponsored events, including Greek events and football games. “I’m going to be there to support my school,” Powell said.

Powell said she doesn’t meet strangers. “I’m a nice person to get a long with,” Powell said. “I speak to everybody. I don’t mind shaking your hand or giving you a hug,” she said. Powell said her personality is her strongest feature.

Powell said she writes as an outlet to relieve stress. She said she started writing poems when she was 10 years old, and has moved into short stories. “I write because that’s how I express myself,” Powell said.

Powell said she has a huge notebook with over 300 poems and three large notebooks with thoughts and ideas that she uses for future poems. “The last thing I wrote about was love,” Powell said. “I’m a romantic... love is a big issue with me,” she said. Powell said most of her poems are about love.

“I’m looking for a person that will love me for me and not based on physical appearances,” she said.

Her resident assistant Pamela Scott has posted Powell’s poems in Mississippi Hall. Powell said she was obliged to have her RA post her work in the halls for others to read.

Powell said she one day hopes to start her own magazine because writing is her first love. However, she said singing was her second love, and maybe she could even merge the two by writing songs for vocalists.

Powell said Southern Miss is teaching her independence. She said if she could make it on her own in the residence halls, surely she could make it on her own in a city.

“Always take life one step at a time,” Powell said. “Never take your ability for granted, and never give up.”



Nyolkol, Taiwah, Sop.
O'Dwyer, Maureen, Sr.
O'Keefe, Caleb, Fr.
O'Quinn, Emily, Sop.
O'Rourke, Jonathan, Fr.
Ochuko, Ofojureri, Jr.
Odie, Chadrick, Jr.

Odom, Neva Byers, Grad.
Odom, Rachel, Jr.
Odom, Tonya, Jr.
Okhomina, Kalisheah, Sr.
Olowo-Ake, Anquinette, Fr.
Otojareri, Ochuko, Fr.
Ousley, Rosalynd, Fr.

Outtaw, Klerra, Sop.
Outen, Donna, Jr.
Overstreet, Cassandra, Sop.
Owen, Stephanie, Sop.
Owens, Alethea, Sr.
Owens, Kawaski, Fr.
Owens-Sabir, Nadirah, Jr.

Owes, Krystal, Sop.
Pace, Holly, Fr.
Pace, Jessica, Sop.
Packnett, Shannon, Jr.
Page, Lisa, Jr.
Paige, Sherita, Sop.
Palmer, Kathryn, Fr.

Pannell, Mindy, Jr.
Panquerne, Jennifer, Sr.
Parker, Erin, Sop.
Parker, Marquita, Jr.
Parker, Sharessa, Jr.
Parnell, Cindy, Grad.
Parsons, Cade, Sr.

Parsons, Larry, Sop.
Partee, Tabitha, Jr.
Partin, Weslynn, Fr.
Patterson, Victoria, Sop.
Patton, Daphne, Sop.
Patton, Tamioka, Jr.
Payne, Kimberly, Sop.

Pazos, Paula, Sr.
Pearson, Ericka, Sr.
Pegues, Jonathon, Fr.
Perez, Sarah, Fr.
Perine, Anthony, Sop.
Perkins, Ashley, Fr.
Perkins, Sharice, Sop.

Perry, Fabbiney, Sr.
Perryman, Vorice, Sop.
Petcher, Jennifer, Jr.
Peters, Crystal, Jr.
Peterson, Dominic, Sop.
Pettaway, Jr., Maulies, Sr.
Pettus, Emily, Fr.

Petty, Nicole, Fr.
Phelps, Jessica, Sr.
Philabaum, Geoffrey, Sr.
Pickering, Santana, Sop.
Pickering, Susan, Sr.
Pierce, Rebecca, Sr.
Pigott, Tiffany, Fr.

Pittman, Shelton, Fr.
 Pittman, Will, Sop.
 Pitts, Carmen, Sop.
 Pitts, Trevor, Fr.
 Poindexter, Michelle, Sop.
 Polk, Emily, Jr.
 Pollard, Christopher, Fr.

Pollard, Kristal, Fr.
 Ponders, Christiana, Fr.
 Porter, Lyntreesa, Sr.
 Porter, William, Sr.
 Poupert, Sonya, Sop.
 Powe, Anna, Sr.
 Powell, Countney, Jr.

Powers, Teedra, Jr.
 Preau, Kristen, Sr.
 Pressley, Ashley, Sop.
 Prewitt, Lauren, Sr.
 Price, Angela, Jr.
 Price, Jessica, Sop.
 Price, Monica, Sop.

Price, Reggie, Jr.
 Price, Vincent, Fr.
 Priest, Megan, Sop.
 Prine, Kathleen, Fr.
 Pritchard, Brad, Fr.
 Privett, Kelley, Fr.
 Prouty, Melissa, Sop.

Puckett, Melissa, Jr.
 Pulphus, Joshua, Fr.
 Purvis, Kimberly, Fr.
 Pylant, Adrienne, Jr.
 Quinn, Jamika, Sop.
 Quint, Kelly, Jr.
 Rabalais, Amanda, Jr.

Rachel, Agent, Jr.
 Ramirez, Angela, Sr.
 Ramirez, Raquel, Sr.
 Rand, Christopher, Sr.
 Rand, Kelly, Jr.
 Randall, Dorian, Sop.
 Randle, Ericck, Fr.

Randle, Monica, Sr.
 Rasberry, Tamela, Jr.
 Radliff, Jennifer, Jr.
 Radliff, Jessica, Jr.
 Rawls, Eryn, Jr.
 Rawson, Jason, Jr.
 Ray, Billy, Fr.

Raynolds, Alex, Jr.
 Read, Laura, Jr.
 Reams, Stephen, Jr.
 Redd, Jr., Aaron, Fr.
 Reed, Arianne, Jr.
 Reed, Divaune, Sop.
 Reed, Katrina, Sr.

Reed, Kirby, Sop.
 Reeder, Robert, Jr.
 Reeves, Jr., Greg, Sr.
 Reid, Gianni, Fr.
 Reid, Ryan, Jr.
 Reynolds, Ashley, Sr.
 Reynolds, Taneisha, Sop.



With flair, style and rhythm only to...

Xcel

Story by Carla Finklea
Photo by Matikia Wilson

Photos come through the yearbook office everyday. But on no particular day one photo came through that couldn't be ignored. Of course it is the picture next to this article. Go ahead, take a peak... go ahead, no one's watching. As you ponder who these scantily clad men are; Xcel is a dance group comprised of "officially" five members.

Christopher Grant, 20, dance performance and choreography junior from Florence, said, the group gets together to perform choreographed ballet, jazz and tap, but their main focus and claim to fame is hip hop.

Micha Cannon, 21, computer engineering junior from Brandon said, Xcel started with three members in Bond Hall in 2003. Cannon said, "We got together and started dancing in the club."

Cannon said no one person choreographs, but it is a group effort. Cannon said they recently performed at a Spanish festival and the group put together some nice moves to go with the Spanish theme. Grant said people love their style of dance and always compliment them. Grant said they can choreograph performances to cater to any crowd, but their crowd of choice is women. Grant said, "Clothing removal is strictly for the ladies."

"It helps them [ladies] reach the high point," Grant said. Clothing removal also helped Xcel reach a \$300 first prize in the African-American Student Organization Apollo talent program.

Antwoine Smith, 19, dance performance and choreography sophomore from Florence said, AASO asked Xcel to step down and no longer compete in the competition because this is their second year nabbing the title. However ladies, do not fret. Xcel made a deal with AASO that they could go perform during intermission. "We all need to dance," said Grant. "We are in it to have fun," he said.

Jermaine Johnson, 20, dance performance and choreography junior from Greenville, said Xcel has chemistry and they are dedicated. Johnson said they are willing to accept new talent into the group, but there has to be something solid brought to the group.

Cannon said they used to do some parking lot dancing outside of Baskin Robins on free scoop night. Cannon said one of their friends, who is a DJ, worked there and the manager allowed him to play music for the group to dance to.

Grant said they also perform in the informal dance concerts on campus. Grant said the only requirement is that part of the group contains a dancer or two in the dance performance and choreography major.

Cannon said they were together long before the phrase or movie "You got Served" was even coined. "We do dance battles [and] it's usually in the club," Cannon said.

Grant said in the next two years he would like to see Xcel take their act on the road and open for artists and maybe even dance or choreograph for them.



Committed to rebuilding and exposing

Travis Griffin

Story by Carla Finklea
Submitted photo



Travis Griffin, 24, is a very busy guy. It was not hard to tell upon entering his apartment. He is glued to his computer skimming the information for the National Black Society of Engineers national convention to be held in Boston, Mass. “Maybe I should stay in the Sheraton,” said Griffin. Then his phone rings. It is the NSBE president.

“Oh they have the schedule up,” he said. Griffin already starts to plan his trip by looking for the 21 and older parties first, followed by a look at the list of networking opportunities from companies like Nokia, Toyota and Bank of America.

The Shuqualak native, and recent graduate of Mississippi State University, with degrees in software engineering and computer science, decided to come to Southern Miss to pursue his masters in college student personnel. He has come in contact with a few organizations as their graduate advisor, but one in particular is near and dear to his heart.

Griffin has re-chartered NSBE here and wants them to work closely with another organization he is the graduate advisor of, Increasing Minority Access to Graduate Education. Griffin said it would be beneficial for NSBE and IMAGE to work together and he would like to implement the same policies at Southern Miss that were standards at Mississippi State. Griffin said NSBE’s goal is to promote Black engineers to events, career opportunities, internships and to be successful in the future.

Griffin said NSBE was only a local chapter up until now. But by working with the president and advisor there was a growth in membership. “Once you get one involved, others will start to talk and it [NSBE] will eventually build up,” said Griffin. “They accept anyone who wants to apply for membership,” he said.

“I’m happy to say in one day we jumped in our national charter membership from two members to 12,” he said. “So you can see the word is getting out there,” he said. Griffin said students are not aware of what NSBE and IMAGE have to offer.

Griffin said NSBE promotes regional, national and state conferences; which have a lot of career and graduate research fairs that are presented by Fortune 500 companies throughout the country and universities that recruit potential graduate students. “There are special seminars [and] workshops that help build the character of the engineer,” Griffin said.

Griffin just returned from the regional conference in Louisville, Ky. He said some of the special seminars included resume workshops, business etiquette workshops and seven habits of highly effective people, which all help to prepare the college student for the workforce environment.

As the NSBE graduate advisor, Griffin said he serves as a liaison between the general executive body and advisor. Griffin said his goals are to train and implement the regional and national procedures with the Southern Miss chapter so they can run the organization with little supervision of the advisor or graduate advisor, maintain a membership of 50 and attend a national conference.

Griffin said he satisfies his practicum hours by working with NSBE, but he sees it as more than that. “Once all of that is completed I intend to work with the organization not based on the satisfaction of requirements, but based on the great love and emphasis for the organization,” Griffin said.



Rhodes, Abby, Sr.
 Richards, Chaz, Sop.
 Richards, Rosalind, Fr.
 Richardson, Beth, Fr.
 Richardson, Claire, Fr.
 Richardson, Michael, Sr.
 Riley, Zachary, Sop.

Robbins, Candace, Jr.
 Roberts, Julie, Grad.
 Roberts, Latoya, Fr.
 Robertson, Ashley, Sop.
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 Robichaux, Ashley, Sop.
 Robinson, Aaron, Fr.

Robinson, Cheryl, Sr.
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 Robinson, Dorrell, Sr.
 Robinson, Elizabeth, Sop.
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 Robinson, Kandis, Fr.
 Robinson, Katecha, Jr.

Robinson, Kyra, Sop.
 Robinson, Pamela, Sop.
 Robinson, Sheena, Fr.
 Robinson, Shelley, Sr.
 Robinson, Sophia, Sr.
 Robinson, Takesha, Sop.
 Roby, Alexis, Jr.

Roby, Alicia, Sop.
 Rodgers, Eric, Sop.
 Rodriguez, Gisela, Sr.
 Rogan, Amy, Sr.
 Roper, Kevin, Sr.
 Rosado, Jr., Dale A., Sr.
 Rose, Deidre, Fr.

Ross, Rofinda, Sr.
 Roughton, Melissa, Sr.
 Roy, Kinkini, Grad.
 Rubertson, Raslyn, Sr.
 Rucker, Michael, Jr.
 Rudzki, Kate, Fr.
 Ruffin, Lakeisha, Jr.

Runnels, Dee Anna, Sop.
 Runnels, Sarah, Grad.
 Rutland, Meagan, Fr.
 Ryan, Heidi, Jr.
 Sabree, Miriam, Sr.
 Safley, Justin, Sop.
 Sampson, Dominique, Fr.

Sanchez, Heyken, Jr.
 Sanchez, Melissa, Sr.
 Sanders, Alexis, Sop.
 Sanders, Danielle, Fr.
 Sanders, Deon, Sop.
 Sanders, Jessica, Fr.
 Sanders, Sabine, Grad.

Sandifer, Elizabeth, Fr.
 Sandifer, O'Sha, Sop.
 Sanford, Brittany, Fr.
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 Santmyer, Amanda, Jr.
 Sarton, David, Sr.
 Sato, Shuichi, Grad.

Saucier, Jarod, Fr.
 Scanlan, Elizabeth, Jr.
 Scharfenskin, Erica, Sr.
 Schenkewitz, Kyle, Grad.
 Schexnaildre, Casey, Fr.
 Schlesinger, Sarah, Jr.
 Schultz, Michael, Sop.

Schutts, Joshua, Grad.
 Scianna, Emilie, Jr.
 Scoggin, Amanda, Jr.
 Scott, Pamela, Jr.
 Scott, Peggy, Sr.
 Sears, Rebecca, Sop.
 Sebesta, Anna, Sop.

Sei, Massa, Jr.
 Seibert, Brittany, Sop.
 Selbach, Ashleigh, Fr.
 Selmon, Uy'Syria, Fr.
 Sessums, Brian, Fr.
 Shannon, Angeelas, Sr.
 Shannon, Lindsey, Sr.

Shannon, Mary, Sr.
 Shavers, Marquita, Jr.
 Shaw, Veronica, Jr.
 Sheets, Megan, Fr.
 Shelby, Tasha, Jr.
 Sheridan, Julie, Sop.
 Sherrill, Charles Robert, Jr.

Shockley, Kevin, Fr.
 Shockley, Renee, Sr.
 Shorter, Melissa, Jr.
 Shull, Caroline, Jr.
 Shumpert, Asia, Fr.
 Sifuerttes, Margaret, Fr.
 Sikes, Nick, Grad.

Silvey, Shellie, Fr.
 Simmons, Ashleigh, Jr.
 Simmons, Denisha, Sr.
 Simmons, Kari, Sr.
 Simmons, La Terrance, Sop.
 Simmons, Shelton, Grad.
 Simon, Michelle, Grad.

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 Sims, Allison, Sr.
 Sims, Rosalyn, Sr.
 Singleton, Jessie L., Sr.
 Singleton, Kenen, Jr.
 Skaggs, Trey, Grad.
 Skjoldager, Karly, Sop.

Slater, Nicola, Sop.
 Smathers, Kevin, Sr.
 Smith, Alicia, Fr.
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 Smith, Ashley, Sr.
 Smith, Audrey, Jr.

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In possession of vision far beyond 20/20

Jimmy McClellan

Story by Carla Finklea

Photo by Matikia Wilson

Jimmy McClellan, 30, photojournalism major from Jackson, could tell you a lot about your future.

McClellan said he started receiving messages, visions and voices for about a year and the voices and visualizations started coming true. McClellan said he is more clairaudient, which is having the ability to receive audio messages.

McClellan said he has been using tarot cards for three years. McClellan said he started out with Angel Oracle cards, which he said were limited. He said, "You've got a lot fewer cards and all of them are positive messages.

"And that's fine, but of course everything's not always positive and so after a while I started studying the tarot," McClellan said.

McClellan said he uses two decks of tarot cards; the Rider-Waite, which is the first official tarot deck and another deck with photo montages. McClellan said it is quite interesting that visualizations and the tarot go hand in hand.

McClellan said he uses the cards as a cross-reference and verification to match all the possible signs together. McClellan said he tried to give readings on the Internet, but found it to be hectic and prefers doing readings one on one.

McClellan said his mother was taken aback with her son's interest and was leery about the practice taking place in her home. "My mother freaked out when I first let her know that I had started reading," McClellan said.

"I come from a very spiritual family," he said. "She was uneasy about it and at odds with what scripture said about what I was doing."

McClellan said he thinks people are afraid of the unknown. McClellan said people want to know where the messages are coming from, how it is working and what the power is behind the tarot deck.

"It may be their guardian angel or a loved one, but usually somebody that has their spiritual enlightenment and best interest."

"And really when I do a reading I ask the Holy Spirit to help me with the reading and to deliver a message that needs to be delivered at that time," he said.

McClellan said he does not charge for his readings. "I think it's a gift that's meant to help others and I think charging for it is exploiting it," he said. "I myself do not feel comfortable doing that."

"I think everybody has their own intuition and it's certainly something everyone can do," McClellan said. "I personally do not believe that some people are born with intuition or psychic ability and others are not."

"Some of us are more in tune to it, [and] we explore it," McClellan said. "The thing is to read about it and approach it with an open mind."



Putting her whole heart into dancing

Julie Brant

Story by Tenesha Craig
Photo by Jennifer Petcher



“If people don’t have the heart...it shows...,” said Julie Brant. Brant, senior dance performance and choreography major from Huntsville, Ala., has been dancing for years, 19 years to be exact. “I feel like I have become a true modern dancer, not just a ballerina trying to do modern,” she said. “Dance is where my heart is.”

Ever since Brant hit the dance studio, she has received a numerous amount of honors, awards and scholarships. Some of the prestigious scholarships that she has received range from the College of the Arts Endowment Scholarship for outstanding achievement and dance performance to summer study programs with Sharpo & Smith Company.

Aside from the awards and medals, Brant has a long list of dancing experience behind her as well. Everything Brant goes for she gets.

Julie has danced for the Sharpo & Smith traveling company in Minneapolis, Minn., the USM Repertory Dance Company and The Yard-program from choreographers in Martha’s Vineyard, Mass. Brant is just one example of someone who works hard at her goals and strives for success. She practices day in and day out. “Depending on how many pieces I am cast in, I tend to spend 15 to 20 hours per week outside of the classroom,” she said.

Brant’s passion for dance stems from her childhood. “I have always liked it,” she said. “When I was a little and especially the older I got, the more I danced, I loved it.”

“It became who I was. I always felt more comfortable being on stage and performing,” she said.

Brant enjoys all types and expressions of dance. However, she particularly enjoys ballet and modern dance.

“The technique and routine of ballet is very expressive, it is very hard to master but when done properly it looks easy and light and beautiful,” she said. “It is very feminine, I would say.”

For Brant’s final project of the year she is planning to choreograph a dance to “Waiting for Yesterday.” Brant said she chose this piece for her final project to symbolize her time in college. “I was inspired by how fast and quickly the past four years have gone,” she said.

“I feel like I have to allow time to catch up with me. This piece is mainly focused on time; the past, the present, the future,” she said. To graduate, Brant is required to not only write a thesis on her senior piece, but she must solely choreograph every step and movement.

“God gave me the talent to do it, but it takes work and dedication to make the most of what I was given,” she said.



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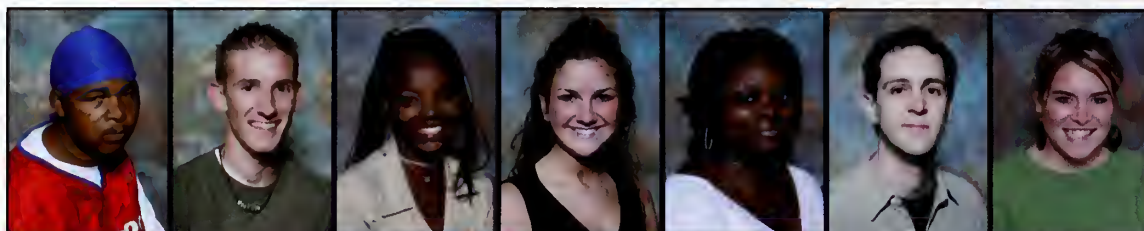
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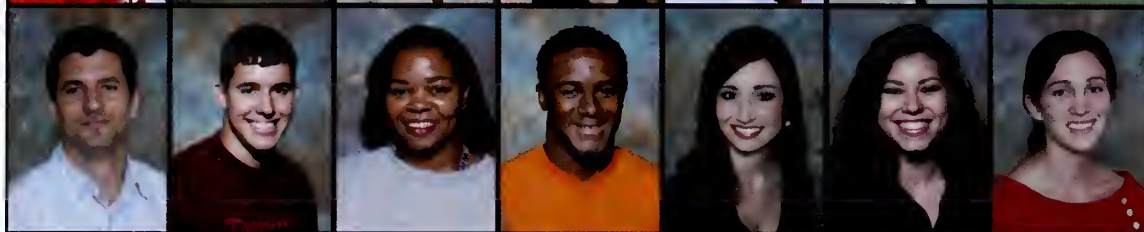
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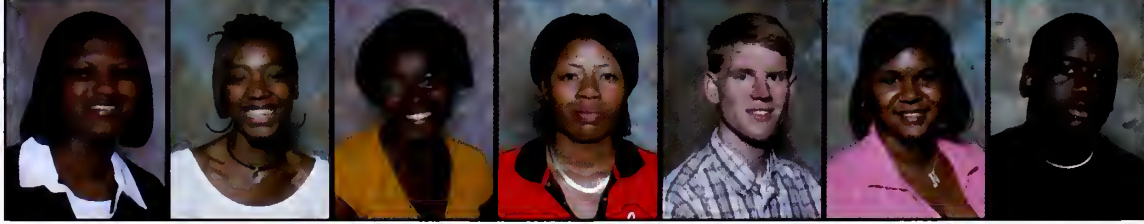
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Trio takes center stage at Southern Miss

Rachel Odom, Heather Wright & Molly Grubbs

Story by Christy Bjork
Submitted photo

Molly Grubbs, 21, Rachel Odom, 20 and Heather Wright, 23, talent to entertain Southern Miss with their rendition of the National Anthem. These women sang at the Southern Miss game vs. Texas Christian University.

"Singing is one of the most enjoyable things I can do because it is a way to express myself," said Odom.

Odom, Grubbs and Wright have been dedicated to singing for many years. They are committed to this talent and aspire to better their abilities. Both Grubbs and Odom were professionally trained for seven years.

"When you love music, it shapes who you are," Odom said. Odom was inspired to sing by her sister, Jennifer, who is currently pursuing an opera career in Los Angeles. Grubbs was inspired by her mother, Glenda, who received her master's degree in music education from Southern Miss while Wright gives credit to encouragement from her family.

"If I didn't sing who would I be?," said Odom.

Grubbs said, "Singing is not something that I do, but it's something that comes from within me.

Whether I'm singing in a choir or performing on stage or singing praises to God, I am thankful everyday that I can share my passion for music."

Grubbs, Odom and Wright began their singing debut two years ago at the Pi Kappa Phi Basketball Classic when they were asked to sing the National Anthem. Immediately they began to practice and made a unique arrangement of this historical song that consisted of a three-part harmony.

"We've tried to create a dynamic arrangement that not only is fun to sing but puts focus on the meaning of the [National Anthem's] words," said Grubbs.

However, when they were asked to sing in front of thousands of students, alumni and faculty for the Southern Miss vs. TCU game at The Rock, they began a more rigorous practice regime.

"I get excited because I see all the people and I know that for the next few minutes I get to sing a song that means so much to me and our country," said Odom. It is with that confidence that the trio sang the National Anthem in front of their largest audience.

Both Odom and Wright have sung for the Lake Junaluska Singers based in Waynesville, N.C. that tour the Southeast United States. They auditioned for the group in March 2003. Only 16 singers are given the privilege to become a member of this elite singing choir. The Lake Junaluska Singers recorded a CD in Jan. 2005.

They will not settle for mediocrity, but rather excellence. Odom said, "If I didn't sing, I would be denying who I am." They have taken their singing experiences to lead the Chi Omega's Songfest into a successful event that raises thousands of dollars for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Wright said, "I am thankful for the opportunities God has given me to share the joy of singing with others through song, music and words."



She's role playing behind enemy lines

Natalie Fields

Story by Natalie Fields
Photo by Kiet Le



I, Natalie Fields, 21, junior English major, works at Camp Shelby.

When people ask her what she does for a living, she always finds herself searching for words to describe her job, without making it sound so weird.

I am a professional role-player. Camp Shelby, located in Hattiesburg, is an Army National Guard Training Site. In late July of 2004, Camp Shelby was activated, as a mobilization center for overseas deployment.

To ensure the troops are trained before deployment to Iraq, Civilians on Base are paid to enact scenarios that the soldiers may encounter while in Iraq.

Arabic citizens have been hired and brought in from all parts of the nation to help with this job. As a result, the other role-players like myself, learn the demeanor and can more effectively impersonate an Arabic citizen in terms of the culture and religion of Islam.

Sometimes, when a COB drives through a checkpoint their identification is checked along with the vehicle and any other person present.

Whenever the soldiers need to search me, they almost always ask me to take off my hijab or shayla. I always tell them no, and the guy who is with me, role-playing as my husband, will get angry and yell at them for trying to soil his wife's reputation.

It is very hard for the soldiers to be accustomed to the culture and the religion because most of them were not raised around Muslim people. This ultimately is the main reason they are being trained. The COBs want the soldiers to understand why they cannot ask a Muslim woman to remove her head-covering and why they cannot touch a Muslim woman.

The names of the different articles of clothing worn by Muslim people were weird to hear and hard to say at first, because, being a language student, I am always afraid I will pronounce something incorrectly. Also, it continues to get more difficult with the many different dialects within the Arabic world.

A few times a day, the COBs will have a mock protest wherein they chant phrases in Arabic, which translate to things like: "Leave, leave, America!", "Go away, America!" and "Down, down America!"

Sometimes we throw in a little saying that means 'America is the Enemy of Allah', and point at them when saying it. They don't know what we're saying so sometimes they get scared because they're wondering, "Why are all these people so angry and pointing at us?"

There was a point when I had to face some old classmates from high school. It's hard to see these young men and women anyway, but when we're training them out there we know where they're going. However, it is hard and scary to know someone from high school younger than myself being trained to fight in a war.

I make a point to train the guys I am familiar with extra hard. The harder you are on someone during training, the better prepared they are when the real thing happens. I put forth my best effort every day.



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Defending



Caleb Hendrix (#14) prevents the Nebraska receiver from scoring a touchdown. The Golden Eagles upset the Cornhuskers 21-17 in its biggest win of the season. Photo by King Photography

If there is one thing that has always been a facet of the Southern Miss experience, it is football. From its early days to the present, Southern Miss football has been more than a game: it is been a religion. The Southern Miss Golden Eagles have been in the top of the conference standings, and there was also a time when we were not in that position. However, whether they are ranked or not, the Southern Miss Golden Eagles have played their hearts out, all for the love of the game.

Last year the Southern Miss Golden Eagles were Conference USA Champions. The team traveled to the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn. There they faced the Utah Utes. The Southern Miss Golden Eagles proved to be a fierce competitor. Despite the competition they provided for the Utes, the Golden Eagles did not prevail. However, this did not suppress the Golden Eagles winning spirit. If anything, it provided fuel for this year's fire.

This year the Golden Eagles saw a position in which they had not seen themselves for quite a long time. This year the Golden Eagles were ranked for the first time in a number of years. Not only was the team ranked in the top 25, but they also dominated the conference. This is no doubt due in part to the support of the loyal Southern Miss fans. The team even set a record for our stadium turnout this year at 34,000 people.

REPUTATIONS

Story by Kristy McCoy



Antoine Cash (#42), John Eubanks (#1), and Dillon Cleckler (#51) wrap up Tulane Tight End (#82) at the Superdome in New Orleans. The Golden Eagles defeated the Green Wave 32-14 and brought home the annual *Battle for the Bell*. Photo by King Photography

Southern Miss runningback Cody Hull (#28) stiff arms an East Carolina defender. Photo by King Photography



Jeremy Young (#10) scrambles and escapes the Bearcats defender versus Cincinnati in The Rock. Southern Miss lost 52-24. Photo by King Photography

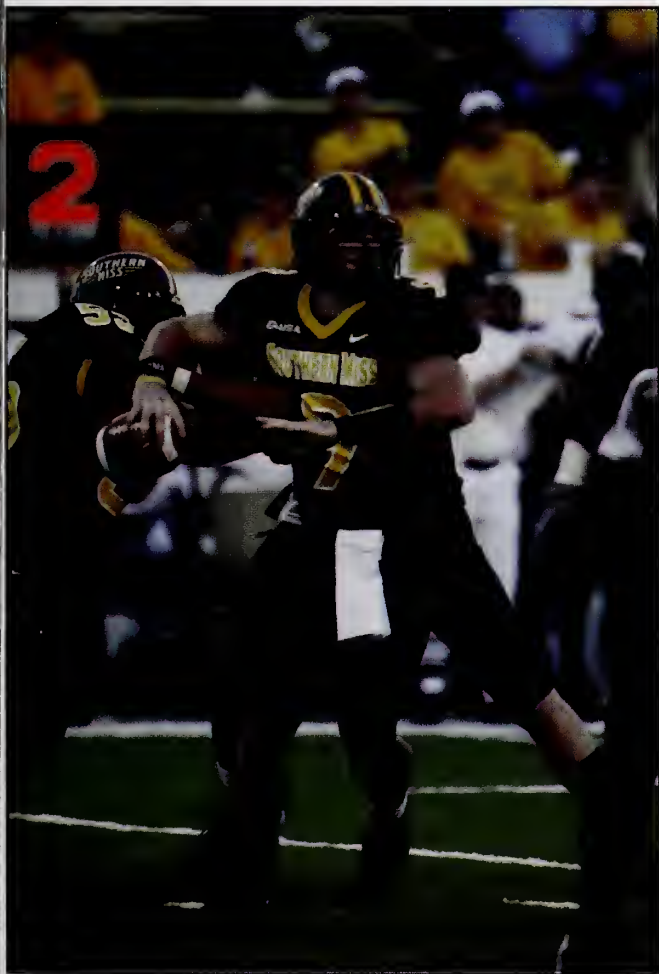


Running back Anthony Harris (#3) runs up the middle against the Green Wave defense. Harris rushed for 118 yards on 21 carries against Tulane. Photo by King Photography



Matthew Chatelain (#46) and Martavious Prince (#97) wrap up and tackle a Tulane running back. Photo by King Photography

Wide receiver, DaRon Lawrence (#85) makes a diving catch under pressure from a Bearcat defender. Photo by King Photography



Quarterback Dustin Almond (#9) throws a pass from the pocket under little pressure against Cincinnati in The Rock. Photo by King Photography

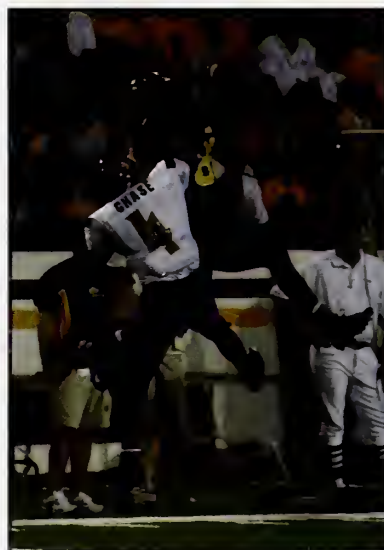
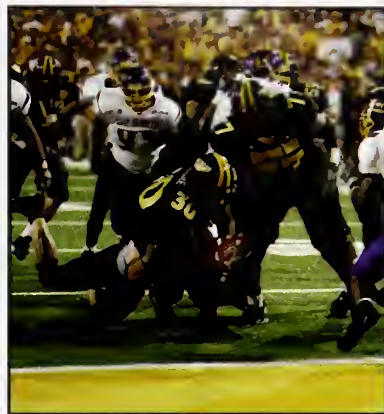
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These are the same fans that will weather any storm or any ailment to come out and show their support for their Golden Eagles by tailgating and attending the games. At each game you will find a variety of ages, from three to 70. Some of these attendees are alumni, some are residents of Hattiesburg, and some are even members of the military who are stationed at Camp Shelby for a short period of time. The fact is, no matter the background, race, origin or age, Southern Miss fans are as devoted as they come.

Under the leadership of Dustin Almond, the Southern Miss offense has given the defenses both in and out of our conference a run for their money. It is this close friendship and leadership on the field that makes our team that much stronger. Both the guys playing and the guys on the bench look out for each other and back each other up at all times. When Almond was injured at the Houston game, our second string quarterback Damion Carter took up the reigns and took the team to win the games that were played the three weeks while Almond was recuperating.

It is no doubt that the Southern Miss Golden Eagles are here to stay. The mark that we have left on Conference USA has been one that has our competitors trembling when they come against us. So, whenever you attend a Southern Miss football game and hear those famous words: "Southern Miss!" you should proudly exclaim with the other 33,999 fans: "To the top!" because that's where we are headed.

Running back, Sherron Moore (#30) powers his way into the end-zone. Southern Miss beat East Carolina 51-10 for Homecoming. Photo by King Photography



Antwon Courington (#80) battles out a completion with the Pirates defender. Photo by King Photography

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Victory



Michael Boley (27) received the Wyndham New Orleans Bowl MVP honor. Photo by Matt Lantrip

Anthony Harris (3) breaks the tackle on the run against North Texas in the Wyndham New Orleans Bowl. Photo by Matt Lantrip



Southern Miss made its third-consecutive bowl appearance a good one, defeating North Texas, 31-10, as it won a bowl game for the first time since defeating TCU, 28-21, in 2000 GMAC Bowl.

With the win, Southern Miss closes out the season with a 7-5 record, marking the 11th-straight winning season. The Golden Eagles also improve to 11-4 since 1975 in the Louisiana Superdome, and lead the all-time series against North Texas, 4-3. Southern Miss has won the last three meetings against the Mean Green.

"I think we played our best football of the season in the last three games," Southern Miss Head Football Coach Jeff Bower said. "It's a major win for our seniors. They've had a winning season all four years they've played at Southern Miss. No one wants to finish 6-6."

Southern Miss led the entire game, getting a 37-yard touchdown pass from Dustin Almond to Otho Graves to open the scoring, as it took a 7-0 lead with 11:01 to play in the first quarter.

The Golden Eagles added a one-yard run by Almond with 6:13 to play in the first quarter, capping a five-play, 63-yard drive.

North Texas cut the lead to 14-3 on a 24-yard field goal from Nick Bazaldua, with 10:08 to play in the first half.

Southern Miss had an opportunity to answer Bazaldua's field goal with 6:45 to play in the half, but Darren McCaleb saw his 15-consecutive field goals streak come to an end, as his 26-yard attempt missed left. It also snapped McCaleb's 20th-consecutive regular season made field goals streak.

But McCaleb connected on a 45-yard field goal from with 15 seconds remaining in the first half, as it led 17-3 at halftime.

The Golden Eagles had two opportunities to extend their lead in the third quarter, but McCaleb came up short on two field goal tries of 33 and 42 yards.

Still protecting a 17-3 lead, Michael Boley returned a 62-yard interception for a touchdown, giving Southern Miss a 24-3 lead. It marked the second time Boley has returned an interception for a touchdown in his career, the first coming on a 54-yard interception return against Alabama on Sept. 21, 2002. It was also the second defensive touchdown in history of the New Orleans Bowl.

Southern Miss added a one-yard touchdown run by Sherron Moore with 1:26 remaining, to take a 31-3 lead.

North Texas got an 11-yard touchdown pass from Scott Hall to Johnny Quinn with one second remaining, to make the final score, 31-10.



Michael Boley (27), assisted by Terrence Ford (95) and Antoine Cash (42) wraps up the North Texas running back. Photo by Matt Lantrip



Southern Miss Seniors raise the Wyndam New Orleans Bowl Championship trophy. The Golden Eagles defeated North Texas 31-10. Photo by Matt Lantrip

SETTING goals

Story by Amy Rogan



Senior forward, Lauren Prewitt (21) dribbles the ball around Houston defenders. Photo by Sara Moxley

Despite our Lady Eagles record, 5-9-1 overall and 1-9 in Conference USA, the soccer team has made major improvements within the program. Southern Miss has consistently out shot their opponents and have made several shots on goal, something that the scores were not able to show. Their hard work and dedication are deserving of much credit.

In the past eight years, Southern Miss has hired their third head soccer coach, alumna Gail Macklin. As a former player, Macklin is not so far removed from her players.

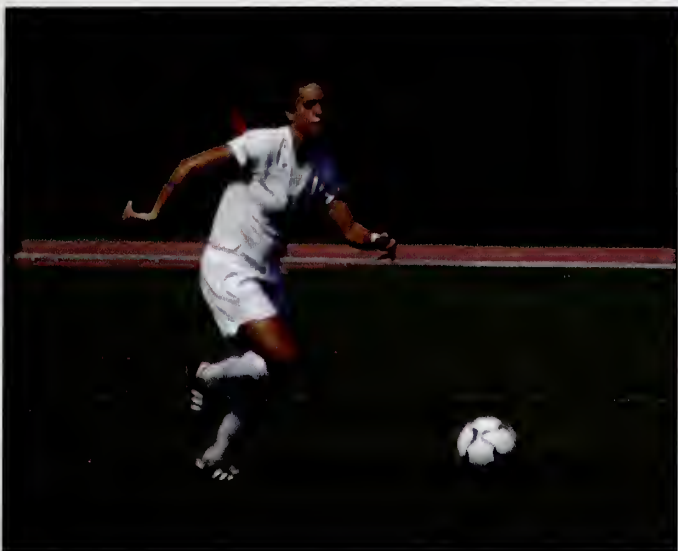
"I know the intensity of the girls," Macklin said. "I know how hard to push them and I know when to back off."

Prior to gaining the head coach position, Macklin served as a volunteer coach and as an assistant coach. Though Macklin had high expectations for this season, she realizes that it takes time to build a successful team and has set future goals to work and improve on.

"Ultimately, I want to get the program back where it was when I was a player," Macklin said. "I want to make regular appearances at the conference tournament and then build on the program from that point."

At the close of the season, the Lady Eagles suffered the unfortunate loss of eight seniors. Of these eight seniors, standout player Lauren Prewitt has received numerous honors for her performance on and off the field.

Prewitt, a native of Katy, Tx., was named Conference USA's Offensive Player of the Week for the week of Aug. 30, was chosen to the Conference USA's third team and was selected to the Academic All-District VI team for 2004-05 season chosen by the College Sports Information Directors of America.



Kay Beth Costilow (far left), (16) senior defender controls the ball down the field. Photo by Sara Moxley

Leslie Schoepfle, (1) Southern Miss's Senior keeper makes a goal kick. Photo by Sara Moxley



Redshirt junior, Laura James (4) defends and moves the ball away from Houston. Photo by Sara Moxley

Senior forward, Katie Randolph (11) juggles the ball with pressure from Houston, a Conference USA opponent. Photo by Sara Moxley

Spiked

AMBITIONS

Story by Amy Rogan



Senior setter, Amy Truong (3) sets the ball up during a homegame versus Alabama in the Payne Center. **Photo by** Sara Moxley

This season, the Lady Eagle volleyball team was led by newcomer Ricci Luyties. Luyties came to Southern Miss from the University of Colorado where he served as an assistant coach for three seasons. To start off the season, Luyties set the ultimate goal to win the Conference USA Championship.

"I knew it was a pretty high goal to set, but how will we ever reach it if we don't keep working hard for it?" Luyties said.

"Winning Conference is always going to be my number one goal, it was this year and it will be next year."

The Lady Eagles experienced a rough season, finishing with a 7-20 record overall and a 2-11 record in Conference USA. They did, however, end their season with two crucial wins, sweeping UAB and South Florida, bringing their nine game losing streak to an end. The Lady Eagles hope to carry their turn-around performance into their next season.

The team will be returning with nine letter winners next season, but will consequently lose a very important senior, Amy Truong.

She was the tenth Lady Eagle in Southern Miss' history to reach the 1000 digs mark and her performance went down in Southern Miss' records books. Truong also earned a spot on the Academic All-America District VI University Women's Volleyball Team, which was selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.



Junior outside hitter, Kate Juedes (14) attacks from the left against Alabama. Photo by Sara Moxley



Sophomore middle hitter, Cassie Conley (10) passes the ball while teammate Amanda Blunk (2) supports. Photo by Sara Moxley



Junior middle blocker, Jazzmien Stephens (19) attacks the ball with opposition. Photo by Sara Moxley



The Southern Miss Cheerleaders get the fans and the Defense fired up at the 2004 season's first home game. The Golden Eagles defeated Houston 34-25 in overtime. Photo by King Photography

GET *FiRed* UP

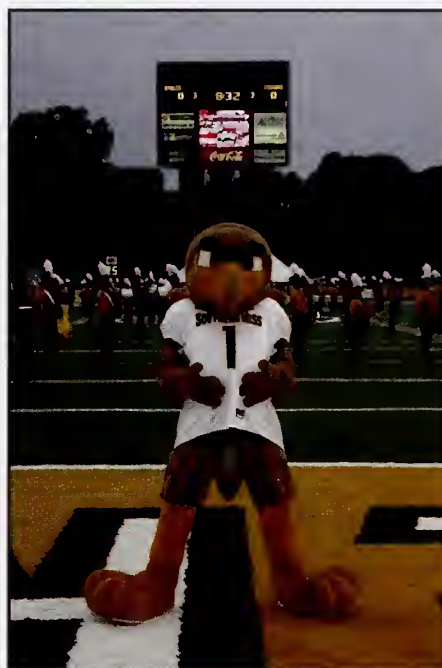
Story by Kristy McCoy

There is one group on campus that leads by example at all times. When we need someone to lift us up, they are always there. They can say only one thing and get an immediate response from us. Southern Miss...to the Top! This group is the Southern Miss Cheerleading squad and they are the cream of the Southern Miss crop.

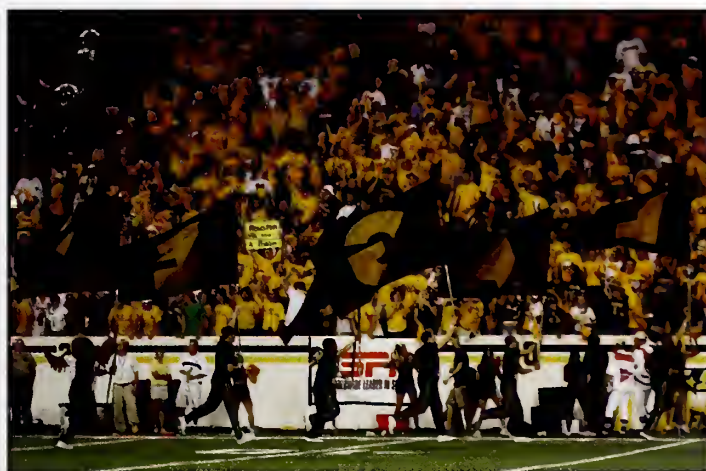
The Southern Miss Cheerleaders greatly support our Golden Eagles at football, men's and women's basketball and volleyball games in addition to other community and University functions. The program consists of two squads, both of which perform at home football games. Also on occasion, both squads, appropriately titled black and gold, travel to compete in national competitions. Nevertheless, the cheerleaders are always supporting our Golden Eagles and continuously engaging the crowd in order to spark up an enormous amount of excitement.

Alongside the cheerleaders is Seymour, our University mascot. Ranked 10th in the nation after the United Cheer Association, National Cheerleader Competition, Seymour has certainly shown great involvement in community and University functions. Seymour participates in radio promotions, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and many other events. Consisting of three members, The Mascot Corp alternates between each member. Each person in the Corp is compensated through scholarships ranging from \$600 to \$1000 per year.

Information from www.usm.edu



Southern Miss's mascot, Seymour poses in the endzone as the Pride performs for the fans. Seymour is ranked 10th in the nation for University mascots. Photo by King Photography



The Southern Miss male Cheerleaders run letter flags spelling "Eagles" everytime our Golden Eagle football team scores a touchdown. Photo by King Photography



Freshman, Sherry Price from Bradenton, Fla., attempts to slam the ball at her opponent. Photo by King Photography

match POINT

Story by Amy Rogan

The Southern Miss men's and women's tennis teams are in good showing so far during the 2004-2005 season.

The women's team went undefeated for the first five matches and unfortunately picked up their first lost against the University of New Orleans. The Lady Eagles have 16 games left this season.

"I can't say how pleased I am with this team," Head Coach Randy Rowley said about his Lady Eagles in his third season coaching. Rowley has a very young and talented team, including sophomore, Nicola Slater who in 2004 finished with a record of 23-9, becoming the first player since Caroline Weems in 1998-1999 to earn over 20 wins in a season.

The Lady Eagles will be taking their talents internationally in March of 2006 when they travel to Bristol, England for exhibition matches against three England county teams.

The men's team always books a pretty tough schedule. "I don't believe in playing an easy schedule and making yourself look good," Head Coach Teddy Viator said. In the 2004 season, the Golden Eagles finished with the record of 8-14 while playing 10 nationally ranked opponents.

Senior, David Canudas had a great 2004 season. Canudas, who played in the number 1 position all season, entered the national rankings at position number 113. He improved to getting a preseason ranking of 45, the highest of any other Golden Eagle tennis player.

In 2005, the Golden Eagles were 5-3 with 13 matches left to play in the regular season.



Sophomore, Christopher Rea from Madison, approaches the net for a volley. Photo by King Photography

Sophomore, Dylan Mezey, from Montreal, Quebec reaches for the dig. Photo by King Photography



Sophomore golfer, Mia Davidsson, from Simrishamn, Sweden, hits one out of the bunker. Photo by King Photography

LONG drive

Story by Elizabeth Kamhieh & Amy Rogan

Golf is a sport that truly poses a personal battle. Aside from regular practices, each member of the golf team is required to qualify for one of the five spots to represent Southern Miss in tournaments with competition from other schools both in and out of Conference USA. The Conference USA tournament, the final tournament of the year, is treated like any other competition.

Typically in tournaments, the team as a whole competes for first place while each member also competes in an individual bracket. The tournaments, usually lasting two to three days, consist of three rounds with 18 holes each.

Despite the men's unconvincing record, the team came in second and third place out of the Fairway Club Invitational and the USA Fall Beach Classic. With a standout performance, Danny Dennis, junior golfer from Collierville, Tenn., shot an even par 71 earning medalist honors in the Fairway Club Invitational.

The team record for the Lady Eagle's parallels the results for the men. The women came in fifth out of twelve teams at the Napa River Grill Cardinal Cup. Though not impressive numbers as a team, both the men and women continue to develop their individual games.



Redshirt freshman, Jonathan Atkins, from San Juan, Puerto Rico, aims to drive the ball.
Photo by King Photography



Freshman, Candace Cargo from New Orleans, La., receives a pass from Tabitha Davis, a freshman from Cleveland, Tenn., in the first home match of the season. Submitted photo by Chad Utz

Jen Nichols, a grad student from Chesapeake, Va., makes the conversion. A conversion is the extra score attempt of 2 points after successfully scoring a try, 5 points. Submitted photo by Chad Utz



INTENSE ruggers

Story by Amy Rogan

Since the founding of the Women's rugby club in 2000, the team has experienced nothing but growth and improvement. Due to the fact that rugby is a strenuous sport, it is often hard to maintain participants and players.

However, the 2004 season brought great interest with eight incoming rookies joining the squad. Their dedication to the club has really helped pull the team together. "We started this semester as a bunch of girls, and we ended as winning women rugby players," said Mary Morris, president of the Women's Rugby club.

The women's team has participated in seven games total, including two tournaments and two individual matches. Their opponents have included Tulane University; Middle Tennessee State University; Western Kentucky University and Mississippi State University.

Through the first semester, they have remained undefeated, outscoring their opponents by a total of 134-20, resulting in a very successful fall season.

The women were also awarded "Best on the Field" at the Heart of Dixie Rugby Tournament in Huntsville, Ala., and "1st Place Collegiate Division" at the Battleship Rugby Tournament in Mobile, Ala.



Jill Henderson, (6) a grad student from Metairie, La., controls the line-out against the Lady Green Wave defenders. A line-out puts the ball back into play after it has gone out of bounds. Submitted photo by Chad Utz



Southern Miss Women Ruggers huddle up and chant together before and after every match. Submitted photo by Chad Utz

clean SLATE

Story by Elizabeth Kamhieh



Ricci Luyties, women's head volleyball coach, coaches his players from the sideline. Photo by King Photography

some information provided by Student Printz and the Southern Miss.com

Out with the old and in with the new, Southern Miss welcomed four new head coaches for 2004. For soccer coach Gail Macklin and lady's basketball coach Joye Lee-McNelis, the chance to return to Southern Miss with a head coach was nothing short of nostalgic. Macklin and Lee-McNelis are both former Lady Eagles.

"I was told it was going to be taking a step down but coaching here was a dream for me," Lee-McNelis said.

Macklin never left the University, instead, she began as a graduate assistant and eventually worked her way up the ladder to become the head coach.

Volleyball coach Ricci Luyties, former head coach at the University of Colorado, inherited a program he was not exactly accustomed to.

"It's a definite change of pace but we have made several improvements," Luyties said. "I am confident that we improve greatly with each season," Luyties said.

A 24-year veteran, basketball coach Larry Eustachy, came into the program with a complete transformation in mind. Through tough and stressful practices, Eustachy stresses the importance of the mental part of the game. He has consistently coached strong basketball teams and hopes to continue his streak with Southern Miss.

Being introduced to an already established program does have its disadvantages, specifically acquiring players without having a hand in recruiting them.

"It's tough but I know what I was coming in to. I am just focusing on building up a strong core for our team with the players I have," Luyties said.

From her past experiences with the University, Macklin did not feel hindered by the situation. "Because I used to be on the team with some of these girls, I know their limits. I know them well. I know when to push them and I know when to back off."

Despite the past non-convincing records, all four coaches came in with the ultimate of expectations, to become C-USA Champions. Luyties realized the goal was ambitious but he believes it is that way for a reason. "If we don't set our goals high then we won't have anything to reach for," Luyties said. "It was my goal for this season and it will continue to be my goal for next season."

Though Macklin shares interest in the common goal, she believes it will take time. "It's definitely not going to happen overnight, but I am determined to get the team back where it was when I was a player and then we will move on from there," Macklin said.



Women's head soccer coach, Gail Macklin talks with her player, Laura James (4) during the game. Photo by King Photography

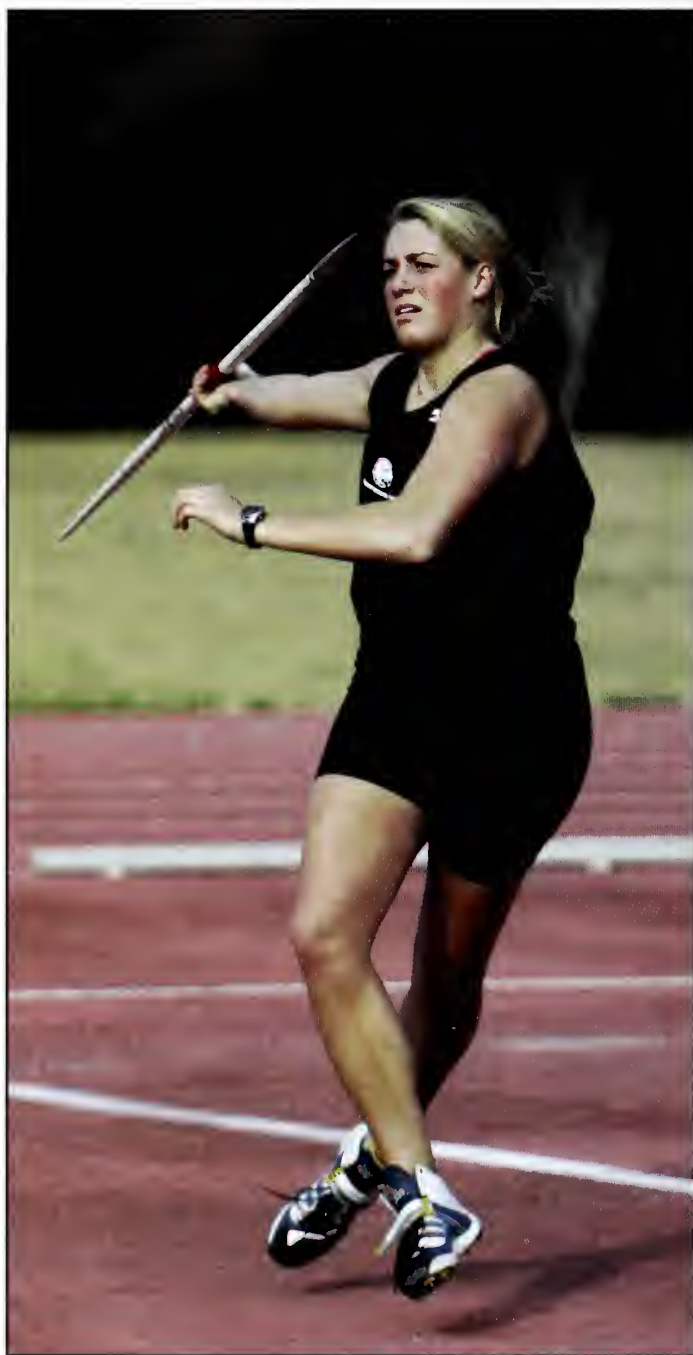


Joye Lee-McNelis, women's head basketball coach, relays the play to her team. Photo by Amy Rogan



Men's head basketball coach, Larry Eustachy watches his players from the sidelines. Photo by King Photography

aiming HIGH



Kate Juedes, senior high jumper and javelin thrower from Hilbert, Wis., practices her approach. Photo by King Photography

Story by Kristy McCoy

The Southern Miss Track Teams have had a productive season this year. The men's indoor track and field team finished their season ranked eighth at the Conference USA Indoor Track and Field Championships. Southern Miss received points in numerous areas during the competition. Marvin Pinnock finished fourth with a time of 1:56.37 in the 800 meters and C. J. Collier finished fifth in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.26.

The Women's indoor track team finished fourth in the Conference USA Indoor Track and Field Championship and ended their season on a very high note. Two team members, Raquel Washington and Dijana Kojic both received individual recognition. Raquel Washington posted a school record and personal-best 8.38 in the 60-meter hurdles. Dijana Kojic ran a season and school record time of 2:08.26.

Following the first day, Southern Miss track teams were tied for seventh place in the Championship. The teams knew they had a lot to work on, but they were optimistic and persevered. And to our joy, Southern Miss came back and put its name with the best of the best.

Also this semester in Feb., Southern Miss athletics announced the Men's Indoor Track and Field all-Decade Indoor Track and Field team. Receiving this prestigious honor was Cedric Norman, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Norman has lettered in Track and Field for four years now at Southern Miss. He holds the C-USA indoor record in the high jump.

Keri White, senior from Vicksburg and a member of the Women's outdoor track team, is excited about the beginning of the outdoor track season. "I love being on the team. It is a lot of hard work, but the team experience is wonderful and when you win a competition, it is the best feeling in the entire world. It is your reward for weeks of hard work and long work outs, training for this one competition," she said.



Krista Miller, senior high jumper and hurdler from Holly Springs, clears the bar. Photo by King Photography



Steve Griffin, senior sprinter and hurdler from Okolona, warms up before a meet. Photo by King Photography

REBOUNDING



Junior guard, Michael Ford, (3) from Macon, Ga., controls the ball across half court against Louisville in Reed Green Coliseum. Photo by Jennifer Petcher



Redshirt sophomore, Mildon Ambres, (4) from Opelousas, La., slam dunks over the Louisville defender. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

success

Story by Amy Rogan with information from Media Relations

The Southern Miss basketball program has been struggling in recent years and a big change came our way in the 2004-2005 season. It started with the implement of former National Coach of the Year, Larry Eustachy.

"Our goal is to get the players to over achieve," Eustachy said. "We feel comfortable that we can do that. How many wins or losses seem to be the measuring stick by the media and the fans, but has never been my measuring stick. I've had teams that have not won as many games that I have been the most proud of."

Unfortunately, the Golden Eagles ended the season 10-18 overall and 1-15 in Conference USA. Also, when looking at the season's statistics, although mostly comparable in many aspects, the Golden Eagles did have less turnovers this season than from the previous season.

The 2004-2005 season should not be looked at negatively. It was the first step towards the success that the Golden Eagle program will continue to strive for. Eustachy and the Southern Miss players realize that this process and moving toward success may take time, and everyone is very willing and continues to work hard until the goal is achieved.



Senior guard, Dante Stiggers, (5) from Houston, Texas attempts a fade away with the Louisville defender close by. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

HIGH hopes



Freshman forward, Emer Foley, (14) from Bray, Ireland goes for the lay up in UAB traffic. Photo by Amy Rogan

Story by Amy Rogan with information from Media Relations

"Anytime there is a change there is a challenge," head coach Joye Lee-McNelis said. "It will be a challenge as we set out to return the Lady Eagle program to national prominence." McNelis has high hopes for the Southern Miss women's basketball team. She also has an extra passion towards the program because it is her alma mater.

The 2004-2005 season certainly proved to be a challenge. The Lady Eagles opened with the largest recruiting class in history of women's basketball at Southern Miss with nine, and only returning five letter winners from last year. The five returning letter winners include Deondra Carter, Michelle Poindexter, Dianca Jones, Ashley Huffman and Kimberly Rigg, all of which are sophomores. The remaining roster included two juniors, and seven freshmen, excluding any seniors. This has not happened since the 1990-1991 season.

This season was definitely a tough one, finishing with an overall record of 9-18 and a Conference USA record of 3-11. Although the Lady Eagles did not reach the goals set for this season, they will again have a young, yet more experienced squad taking them into the 2005-2006 season. Hopefully, they can get back to a winning season and meet the goal of returning the Lady Eagle program back to receiving national recognition.

Despite the troubling season, the Lady Eagles consequently received a spot in the Conference USA tournament. Thanks to St. Louis for forcing a three-way tie, allowing Southern Miss to receive the final spot due to previous wins against St. Louis and Tulane. This is the first time anyone from this season's squad has made it into post-season play.



Freshman forward, Shannon Stueber (20) from The Colony, Texas, attempts a three-pointer at home in Reed Green Coliseum. Photo by Amy Rogan



The Lady Eagles rejoice after defeating UAB at home 65-61, adding to their three game winning streak. Photo by Amy Rogan



Sophomore guard, Dianca Jones, (2) from Columbus, defends the UAB player. Photo by Amy Rogan

triple

PLAY

submitted by Media Relations

Tradition, like Rome, was not built in a day. It is a fact well-known by Southern Miss Head Coach Corky Palmer. But with back-to-back 40-plus win seasons and appearances in NCAA Regional Tournaments, Palmer's Golden Eagles could go a long way to establishing the winning tradition their head coach seeks with another successful season in 2005. He also knows that in order to build a tradition of being one of the top programs in college baseball, you have to have consistency.

In 2002, Southern Miss narrowly missed out on an NCAA Regional, finishing 36-22. One year later, the Golden Eagles left no doubt that they would be included as part of baseball's version of the big dance, winning a school record 47 games, 23 Conference USA games, and capturing the Conference USA regular season and tournament titles. That year, Hattiesburg hosted an NCAA Regional for the first time, and the Golden Eagles advanced to the finals of the tournament, falling to Baylor in a battle for a berth in a Super Regional.

Last season, Southern Miss made a return trip to the postseason, advancing to the NCAA Baton Rouge Regional. While the Golden Eagles lost two straight, following an opening game win, the 2004 season ranked among the most successful in school history. Southern Miss' 45 wins – against only 19 losses – were the second-most in school history.

When the season had ended, four Golden Eagles – outfielder Ryan Frith, second baseman Jarrett Hoffpauir, shortstop Matt Shepherd and pitcher Austin Tubb – were named to several All-America teams. Freshman Patrick Ezell was named to the Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America team. Tubb also was named to the prestigious CoSIDA Academic All-America team.

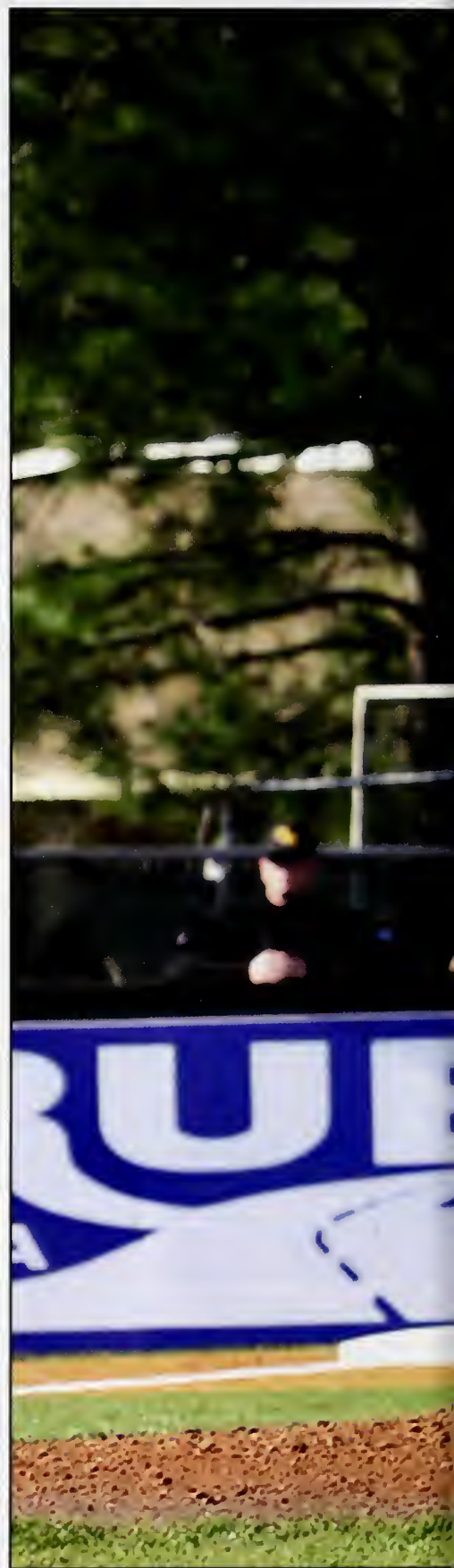
A school-record four players – Frith, Hoffpauir, Shepherd and Tubb – were named to the All-Conference USA First Team, senior pitcher Anthony DeWitt was named to the second team, and Ezell and pitcher Mike Cashion were named to the All-Freshman team.

A record-tying five Southern Miss players were selected in the Major League Baseball Draft – Hoffpauir (sixth round, St. Louis Cardinals), Shepherd (eighth, Cardinals), Frith (17th, Philadelphia Phillies), Tubb (32nd, Cardinals) and pitcher Anthony DeWitt (36th, Houston Astros)

The Golden Eagles have the best winning percentage in Conference USA over the past three years and rank among the top 15 in the nation in winning percentage over that time as well.

But while the Golden Eagles have experienced unparalleled success in recent years, in order to achieve consistency and build the tradition their head coach speaks of, they will have to post another strong season in 2005. A third-straight 40-win season would mark a school record, as would a third-straight trip to an NCAA Regional.

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Junior transfer, Cole Basinger (36) from Demopolis, Ala., pitches in the 2005 season opener against Marshall. Photo by Amy Rogan

Designated hitter, Jacob Fowler, (15) from Northport, Ala., swings at the pitch. The Golden Eagles swept Marshall during the home opener. Photo by Amy Rogan



Redshirt senior catcher, Brad Willcutt (37) from Columbus, frames the pitch in the strike zone. Photo by Amy Rogan

Redshirt freshman shortstop, Chris Matesich (11, right) from Memphis, Tenn., gets the out at second and attempts to complete the double play at first base. Photo by Amy Rogan



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Looking at the 2005 season, the Southern Miss baseball program has some holes to fill both offensively and defensively. The top three hitters are gone, and the top pitching wins and saves leaders also won't be back. Even with the losses, Palmer believes the Golden Eagles have the talent to challenge for the Conference USA title and make their third-straight NCAA Tournament appearance.

"When you are trying to build tradition, you have to be a consistent program," Palmer said. "You can't go to the NCAA tournament a couple of years and then take off a couple of years and then go back again. The good college baseball programs go every year and sooner or later, they win Regionals and Super Regionals and make trips to the World Series."

"As a team, this is something we talk about all the time, being at a place as a program to go to the tournament every year. We lost some outstanding players who provided leadership on and off the field. However, we also understand that there are people in the program at this point who need to step up and take on the responsibility. That's how good baseball programs are supposed to do it."

The four seniors, third baseman Beau Griffin, outfielder Jason Lowery, relief pitcher John Nicholas and catcher Brad Willcutt, will be counted on to lead the Golden Eagles into the new season. These players have been a part of the current success enjoyed by the program.

"The most proven part of our team is our offense," Palmer said. "I believe we are a good hitting team, and we showed that in the fall. We swung the bat fairly well and look to carry that into the season."

Leading the charge for the offense will be Griffin, Lowery, Willcutt, a 2004 All-Conference USA Tournament selection, and 2005 preseason All-Conference USA junior first baseman Marc Maddox. Those players, along with returnees Jody Blount, Eddie Burger and redshirt freshman Drew Carson should give the Golden Eagles another outstanding offensive attack this season.

Southern Miss again will be put to the test early with a strong non-conference schedule that includes future Conference USA member Marshall, South Alabama, Southeastern Louisiana, Arkansas State, Louisiana-Monroe, New Orleans, Ole Miss three times, Mississippi State and Alabama. The Golden Eagles also will participate in two in-season tournaments this year. They will host the Southern Miss Tournament with Mercer, McNeese State and Southwest Missouri State, and then travel to Lamar's Cardinal Classic with Indiana State, Lamar and UNC Wilmington. As was the case last season, the real test comes in Conference USA play, a league that will be one of the stronger conferences in the nation.

In Conference USA play, the Golden Eagles have home series with Cincinnati, Saint Louis, Tulane, UAB and USF, while they have road series with TCU, Memphis, East Carolina, Louisville and Houston.

"We have created some tradition and have a chance to have a good year," Palmer said. "We lost some good players, but we still have a lot of good players as well. However, I will be disappointed if we aren't at least knocking on the door for postseason play. Our players know that, and we have talked about it. You are always going to have some years that are better than others, but to build tradition, you have to be consistently going to postseason play every year."



Senior Third baseman, Beau Griffin (24) from Youngsville, La., makes the play at first base for the force out. Photo by Amy Rogan



Junior, Ashley Davis, from Chesapeake City, Md., creeps forward while freshman, Krystal Crooks from Tampa, Fla., pitches the ball. **Photo by Matikia Wilson**



Junior, Ashley Brennan from Spring, Texas, makes a cut at the ball. The Lady Eagles shut out Jackson State 11-0 and 17-0 in their first home game. **Photo by Matikia Wilson**

SCORING **big**

Story by Amy Rogan

The Southern Miss softball team returned six starters and two pitchers from the defending 2004 Conference USA regular-season championship team. The entire infield returned; Ashley Davis, a 2004 All-Conference USA selection at first base, Charity Butler at second base, Jessica Huerta, also a 2004 All-Conference USA selection at short-stop, Ashley Brennan at third base and Sue Logan, a 2004 Conference USA All-Freshman selection behind the plate, with freshman, Jennifer Fox and junior transfer, Danille Martin in reserve.

There will be a rotation on the mound with Danielle Wymer, Jessica Saunier, and newcomer Krystal Crooks, with backup Shae Naramore. The outfield is lead by the lone senior, Diane Hammes who is moving from left to center field. In left field is freshman, Allison Bullard, and in right field is Melissa Prouty, with Ashley Autman as backup.

The Lady Eagles ended the 2004 season with an overall record of 33-26 and a Conference USA record of 19-4. They also advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2001, making a trip to the Region 7 Tournament in Palo Alto, Calif. Head coach, Gay McNutt received the 2004 Conference USA Coach of the Year honor award.



Junior, Jessica Huerta from Pearland, Texas, rounds third and heads for home plate. Photo by Matikia Wilson

Head coach, Gay McNutt, talks with freshman pitcher, Krystal Crooks for encouragement. Photo by Matikia Wilson



Sophomore, Melissa Prouty, from Jackson, makes contact with the pitch for a base-hit. Photo by Matikia Wilson



Sophomore catcher, Sue Logan, from Houston, Texas, frames the ball in the strike zone behind the plate. Photo by Matikia Wilson





Sophomore, Jessica Saunier, from Tallahassee, Fla., explodes off the pitching mound. Photo by Matikia Wilson



Senior, Diane Hammes, from Humble, Texas, slides under the tag during the season opener against Jackson State. Photo by Matikia Wilson



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The Student Printz

...a source of gaining knowledge

Story by Lakeshia Allen

Every minute of everyday carries at least one special interest or interesting moment. *The Student Printz* is a source for gaining knowledge.

The Student Printz is a group of students who dedicate their time to gather news and compile the events into each paper. They not only want to inform the students, they want to make them interested in events happening around campus, the nation and the world news. This year *The Printz* is focused on students more than anything.

Executive Editor, Noel Wilkinson, has been working on the staff for four years. "A good story is something that grabs one's attention and makes them want to know what is going to happen next."

"It keeps the attention of the reader where as to they feel like they got something out of it," said Wilkinson.

"I feel like I am giving back to the school," said Photo Editor, Matt Lantrip. "The Printz keeps me involved and I know what is going on."

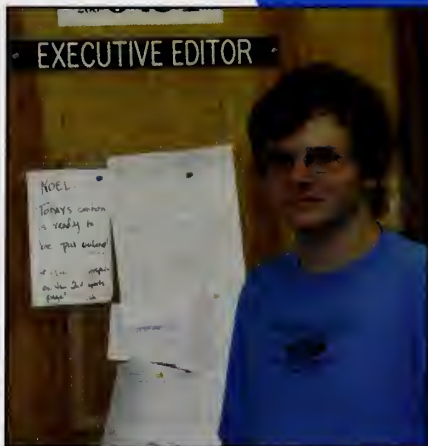
Lantrip has been a part of the staff for two years. "I feel like I am apart of the University," Lantrip said. "I take pride in my job." In addition to contributing to Southern Miss, he loves the experience because it helps build his professional portfolio.

Between taking pictures and writing stories, the ability of *The Printz* staff to put out two weekly papers can be a daunting task.

First year member Adam Hinton said, "It is fun to see how unorganized madness comes together to put together an entire paper."

"The workers are great and very smart," Hinto said. "They welcomed me with open arms."

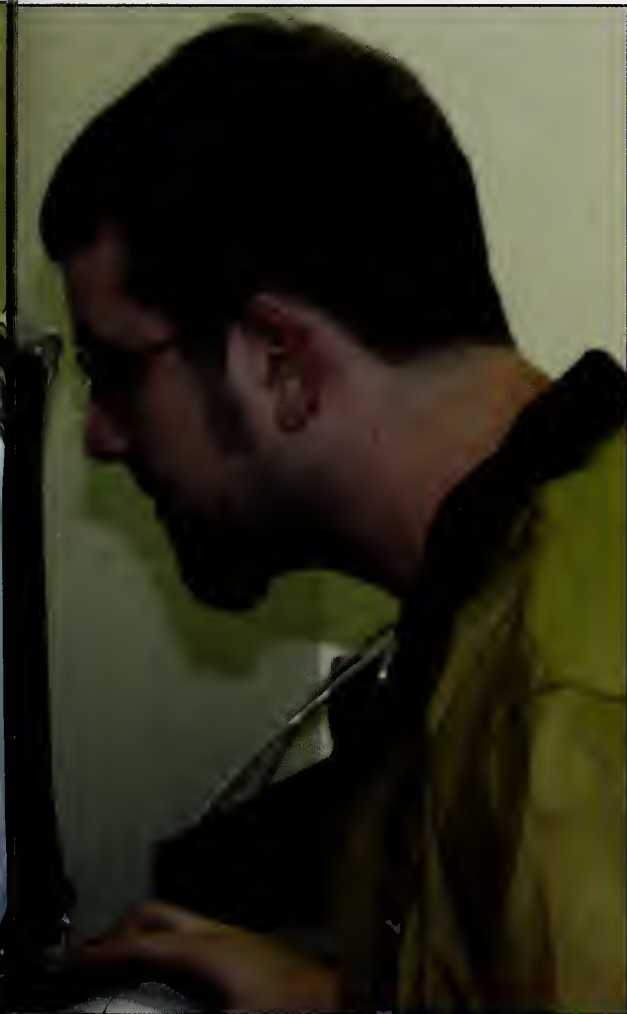




Noel Wilkinson, executive editor of the *Student Printz*. Wilkinson's office is located in the basement of Southern Hall. Photo by Jennifer Petcher



Matt Lantrip taking photos for the *Student Printz*. Photo by Jennifer Petcher



Matt Lantrip, photo editor, edits photos for the *Student Printz*. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

The Pride

...pride in their band and school

Story by Arreal Brown

The adrenaline rush, the fans and the pandemonium; there is nothing like the excitement of a Southern Miss football game to stir the emotions of a crowd.

However, it is not always about the football team that excites the crowd. Some may argue that one of the best elements of the game, if not the glue that holds it all together, is the band. The Pride of Mississippi, is a colorful variety of people from all walks of life who all have one central thing in common; pride in their band and school.

In each performance the more than 200 students give their all in a spectacular display of special maneuvers, dazzling displays of flag work and of course those world reknown Dixie Darlings.

It is not always fun and games though. Two hours a day, three days a week, the members of the Pride can be found out on Pride Field fine tuning for each exhilarating performance in an effort to satisfy their loyal fans.

Dr. Gary Adams, director of the Pride is known for getting his "kids" to get their drills done expeditiously and in order. "You must think of yourself as being on a stage," said Adams. "Being poised and confident is the name of the game," he said.

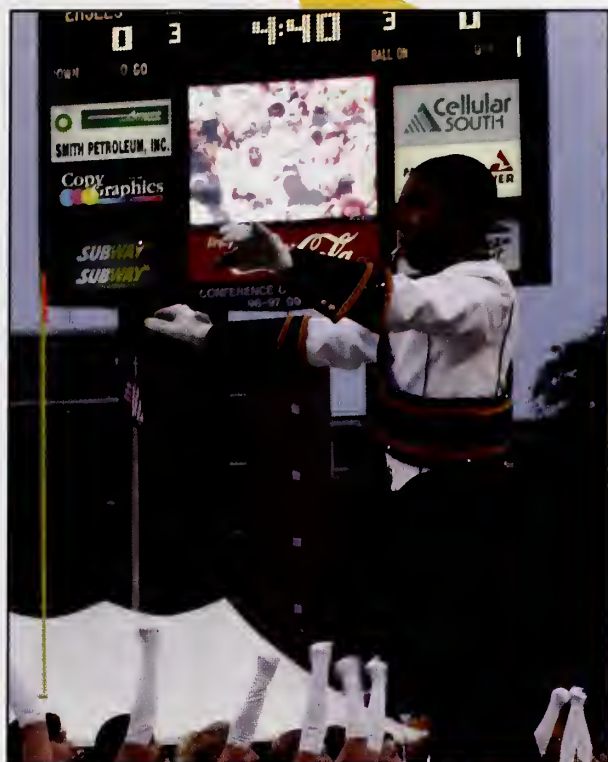
Junior, Corey Hosey, has been marching with the band for three years. "I like being in band because of the different variety of people," said Hosey.

"It's all about playing the old goodies that the crowd loves and upholding the image of the organization to the best of your ability," Hosey said.

Freshman, Kimberly Green, said she is having the time of her life marching with the Pride of Mississippi for the first time.

"I like playing old school songs that get the crowd grooving," said Green. "When everyone is on the same page and gives it their all then our pride in the Pride shines through for all to see."

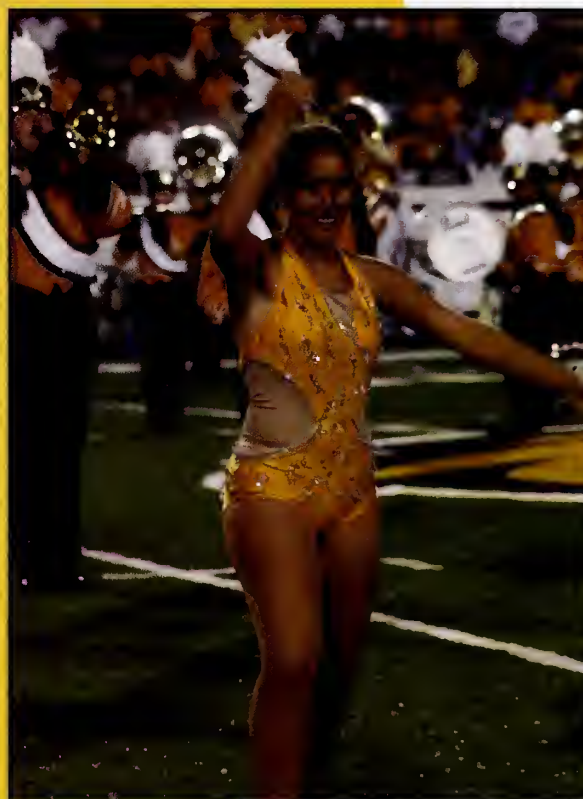




A drum major keeping the pride on the correct beat. There are three drum majors that keep the band on beat. Photo by Jennifer Petcher



The Pride drumline showcasing at home game against Houston. Photo by Jennifer Petcher



A feature twirler awing the crowd with her routine. There are three feature twirlers that take the field during halftime. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

WUSM

... striving to be a radio station enjoyed by everyone

Story by Quintina Cole

WUSM is a public radio station located on the campus of The University of Southern Mississippi. It provides music, news and information programming to listeners throughout south Mississippi. Classical, new age, rock alternative, blues, jazz, experimental and world are just some of the types of music that are played on the station. The station also has talk shows on a variety of subjects. Health issues, politics, technology, literature and women's health are among the topics discussed. There are also shows that discuss movie reviews and interview segments. Under writers, donations and student volunteers, the radio station is funded through different organizations.

Cassandra Overstreet, a junior pre-med major, is one such student volunteer. Her show airs from 7 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday. This is her first year working with WUSM. She is a recording artist and has previously worked with radio station in Meridian. Her love for music drove her to volunteer at the station. Her job consists of playing music, broadcasting and essentially making the radio station accessible to the public. She said audience feedback is something that makes her job more enjoyable. "I love to incorporate fun into my show by giving away prizes," said Overstreet. In the past, Overstreet said she has given away Earth, Wind and Fire concert tickets.

Daniel Guaqueta is the world and jazz music director for WUSM in addition to serving as the volunteer coordinator. He has worked there for eight years, thus making a career out of it. He said he was excited that WUSM now broadcasts for twenty-four hours a day. WUSM strives to be a radio station that is enjoyed by everyone.





While relaxing, Cassandra Overstreet, a junior pre-med major and a student volunteer at WUSM radio station, talks to a reporter about her daily routine at the radio station. Photo by Sara Moxley



Daniel O'Quinn, a student at WUSM, talks to a reporter about how he uses his voice at WUSM. Photo by Sara Moxley



Cassandra Overstreet gets ready for her show that airs from 7 to 10 p.m. on WUSM. Photo by Sara Moxley

Dr. Laurie Babin; advisor and marketing professor, Jessica Gordon; president, Marlo Hardiman; secretary, Maquitta Littles; treasurer. Photo by Kiet Le



Kindrela Culver, sophomore and member shows children how to do arts and crafts during her time volunteering at Palmer's Crossing. Photo by Maquitta Littles



Phi Chi Theta: molding a local chapter

Story by Kathy Gilmore

Phi Chi Theta National Coeducational Business Fraternity was established in June 16, 1924 in Chicago, by six women coming from two competing business fraternities known as Phi Theta Kappa and Phi Kappa Epsilon.

Goals of the fraternity are to promote the cause of higher business education and training for all individuals, to foster ideas for everyone who wanted to pursue a career in business, to encourage fraternity and cooperation among people preparing for such careers and to stimulate the spirit of sacrifice of unselfish devotion to the attainment of such ends.

"After attending the national biannual conference in Chicago to celebrate 80 years of achievement, I am glad that I considered more than just joining a fraternity and becoming a normal member," said Jessica Gordon, president of the organization.

"I saw how successful Phi Chi Theta was on a national level and was eager to mold my local chapter to be the same," she said.

Phi Chi Theta's very first local community service project is Junior Achievement. This is when members of the fraternity go out to elementary schools and teach children about business transactions that they encounter at that age. Phi Chi Theta also contributed to the establishment of the Head Start Program. Another annual service project the fraternity is committed to is Habitat for Humanity.

"Current members are in the process of establishing the fraternity to meet the needs on which it was founded," said Gordon.

Gordon said she knows the organization has the potential to be successful, and it will be.

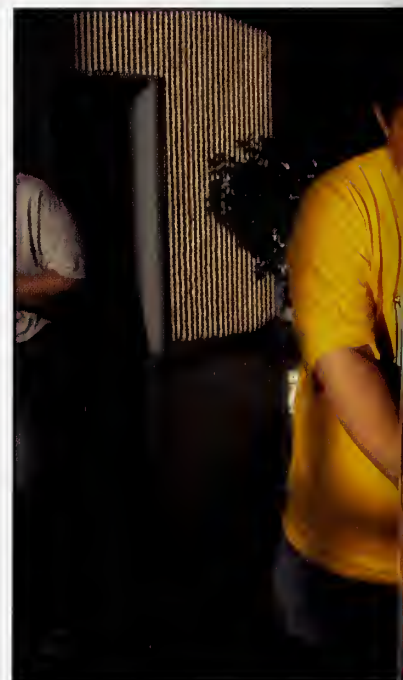
The organization accepts any business and economic majors attaining a 2.8 GPA. Membership offers benefits of receiving scholarships from nationals to members who chose to further their studies in the field of business and economics.

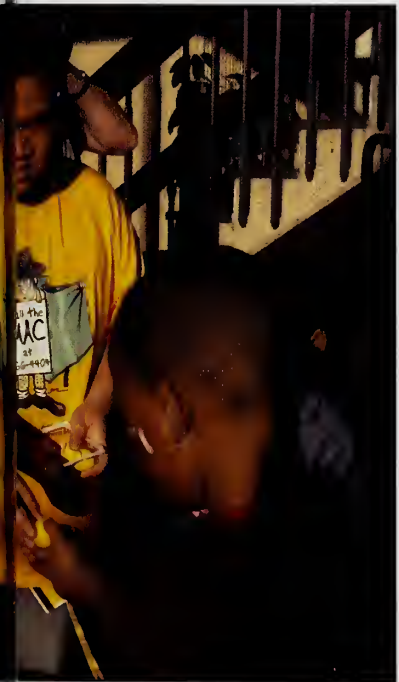
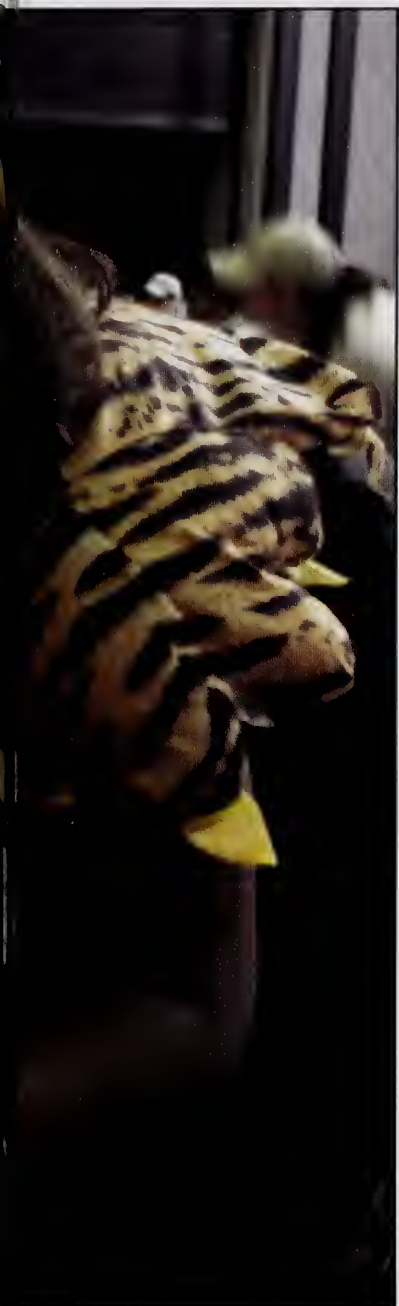


Jillian Harper, 18, freshman, broadcast journalism major, passes out candy at the Rotoract Booth during the UAC Halloween Carnival. Photo by Matikia Wilson



Kiet Le, freshman business management major and president of Rotoract. Le hands out balls to the children for the Bozo game during the UAC Halloween Carnival. Photo by Matikia Wilson





Rotoract: a vision to bring

Story by Tonya Jenkins

With a vision to bring the first Rotoract Club to Southern Miss, Kiet Le, a freshman business management major from Waveland, was steadfast in his determination to spread the development of the organization.

Founded in 1917, the Rotoract Club is a community service organization that works closely with Rotary. Le's goal was to bring some of the service and leadership skills from Interact, a Waveland high school club, to help enhance the community service at the University.

Every first and third Monday of each month a group of students can be found huddled together upstairs in the union discussing various ways to improve Southern Miss and the surrounding communities.

The organization participates in annual events such as the University Activities Council's Halloween carnival to larger events like Fill the Truck Day. Fill the Truck Day is an event in which the members of Rotoract Club fill large trucks with can goods donated by people of the community at various locations. The can goods collected are taken to local food pantries to be distributed to the less fortunate.

The Rotoract Club also looks forward to Thanksgiving when they present various needy families with baskets full of Thanksgiving delights. In addition, the Rotoract Club will work with the Salvation Army to help assist families through out the Hattiesburg area.

Always looking to participate in other community service activities, the Rotoract Club is always open to new ideas.

"Joining this organization not only helps improve the community but enables you to do it with people who truly care about a better tomorrow," said Le.

As the president of this organization, Le looks forward to the day when the Rotoract Club is an even larger group of students working to uphold the Southern Miss tradition of giving back.

Residence Hall Association



FRONT ROW: La'Tacita L. Gordon, Alexis Roby, Rod Taylor, Dominick R. Jones, Laura R. Bass, Rosanna J. Hawkins; SECOND ROW: Ashley Brown, Amber Walton, Tiffany S. Henson, Deidra Bolton, JohnQuitta Adams, Katherine Ashley Smith, Ladrena Larry; BACK ROW: Brandon Jamell Dobson, Keith D. Lampkin, John Clemmons, Antonio Davis, Roderick C. Thurman, Adam Jones.

National Residence Hall Honorary



FRONT ROW: Jamesia Wilson; secretary, Trakena Cole; AD for administration, Danyell Wells; president, Joanna Harris, Selethia Malone; BACK ROW: JaRhondaLynn Cameron, Pamela Scott, Arthur Lumzy, Jr., Carolyn Brooks.

SpotLight

getting into the groove of leadership

The Residence Hall Association is an organization that represents over 3200 students who live on the campus of Southern Miss. RHA is the governing and programming board for all 14 residence halls. This organization consists of the Executive Cabinet, representative for each hall, and committee members.

Input from all RHA members is used to develop campus wide social events, respond to the issued and needs of on-campus students, and enhance the total residence hall living experience.

RHA members also have the opportunity to serve as delegates to state, regional, and national leadership conferences. RHA provides an excellent opportunity for you to get involved on campus and gain leadership experiences.

Issues and Development Committee

Focuses on the development of RHA and its members through the planning of leadership retreats, recognition and awards, and RHA Center improvements.

Coordinates issues forums for on-campus students and works with the administration to address the issues, concerns and feedback provided by residence hall students. Serves as the members of the Dining/Residence Life Focus Group, which meets the second Monday of every month. GOAL: To make on-campus living a more positive experience for students.

Community Service

Coordinates area and campus programs that will serve the greater Hattiesburg community. Focuses on outreach efforts and fund raising efforts. Strives to get more residence hall students committed to community service opportunities within our area.

Special Events

Coordinates special events for on campus students to attend. The events may be geared toward a specific area on campus or for the entire campus. These events may be social or educational.



Student Association of Social Workers



FRONT ROW: Natasha Baughman; president, Julie Roberts; vice president, Joyce Sartin; secretary, Sarah Runnels; treasurer; BACK ROW: Kendra White, Nadya Elqadi.

Phi Sigma Pi Honor Society



FRONT ROW 1: Kimberly Strawbridge, Courtney Fields, Alisha Gibson, Shelly Robinson, Sarah Poothullil, Jessica Pace; SECOND ROW: Noel Wilkinson, Kim Davidson, Kaye Outtaw, Justin Smith; BACK ROW: Abigail Buchanan, Thomas D. Avery, Charles E. Johnson. Tanja D. Parson.

SpotLight

ALL ABOUT THE PULLEY HALL STORY by Carla Finklea

Slow music, low lights and an area boxed off with Christmas lights for a makeshift stage. Hot chocolate, Krispie Kreme donuts and cookies line a table that greets eager listeners. Poets and lyricists scribble away, review their notes and let the nerves set in. "I don't want to read my poem anymore," one poet said.

Crowds of people take their seats on couches, folding chairs and some stand as the Pulley Hall lobby is transformed into a lyricist lounge called Coffee House. Kassy Bies, college student personnel graduate student from Minneapolis, Minn., and hall director of Pulley said the program was being bounced around for a long time and LaKecia Harris, assistant director, helped them put the program into action.

Arthur Lumzy, senior history major from Columbia, was the MC and started the evening by making some "house rules."

"This isn't [Showtime at the] Apollo, so no booing," Lumzy said. "Feel encouraged to clap."

Each performer takes the mic speaking about love, success, sex, money and writing poems to ease the mind. Jason Abrams, freshman art major did two selections. One titled "Slavery," and "him."

Abrams said poetry is an expression of self, and he writes poetry about things he has seen. "I want to pour my soul out, just a little bit of it" Abrams said. "There were some things I wanted to say."

Tracitta Coleman, freshman nursing major from Jackson, said she enjoyed Coffee House because she likes seeing everyone express themselves. Coleman said she liked seeing new talent.

Poets and lyricists took the stage one after the other and after an hour passed, the event was brought to a close. Harris, assistant director for first-year housing told residents the evening was something they could look forward to in up coming semesters.



Psychology Club



FRONT ROW: Emily Helms; vice president, Sheree Watson; faculty advisor, Victoria Griffin; president, Ty Sandford; public relations; BACK ROW: Amanda Hyatt, Nicole Sutton, Cheryl May, Sandra McLaurin, Ashley Brown, David Taylor, Alycia Holman.

Honor Student Association



FIRST ROW: Karen Schulze; president, David Sarton; secretary, Jake Rades; editor-in-chief, Sarah E. Davis; public relations chair; SECOND ROW: Shelby Glover, Sean Cox, Kristin Cabana, Daile Wells, Morgan Mizell, Meghan Davis, Andrea Marshall, Jennifer Gillis, Ginger Maddox; BACK ROW: Brady Pitts, Anne Nehlig, Alston Kinnaman, Sara Johnson, Ronnie Herbert, Daniel Natsons, Melissa Nick, Emily Howell, Blayne Ward.

Alpha Epsilon Delta



FRONT ROW: Jan May, advisor, Ivory Dean; historian, Stephanie Stringer; co-president, Stacy Hooks; co-president, Mallory Blakeslee; vice president, Shamika Wright; vice president, Lauren Barry; vice president, Charlie Sentell; BACK ROW: Amy Williamson, Erica Faust, Hilari McFarland, Roselyn Ahua, Lekeba Jackson, Glennis Baines, Josh Gardner.

PMCA



FRONT ROW: Kristia Finstrom, chair liaison, Cristin Murphy; chair president, Jami King; secretary and treasurer; BACK ROW: Leigh Ann Smith, King Terry, Tanner Cook, Mandy Duren.

Eta Sigma Gamma



FRONT ROW: Dr. Emmanuel Ahua, M. Denise Reese; vice president, Jemel N. Otis; treasurer and secretary, Sandra F. Thompson; president; BACK ROW: Shentika Hopson, Ashley McKenzie, Quentin C. Wallace, Rolanda Mills, Dinah Stovall.

Red Cross Council



Tawanda M. Barker, Toni Conerly, Darell Coffey, Madhavi Patel, Alycia Holman; president



FRONT ROW: Danuel R. Talbert, Christin King, Chris Boothe, Amanda Clark, Trevor O'Neal; BACK ROW: Amy Baker, Phillip Fancher, Troy Cook, Ron Peoples.



(above left) Student Nurses Association softball team, Nimrods. Submitted photo

Chrissy King (above), takes blood pressures on Brain Day. Submitted photo



Heather Brady, Melissa Worthy, & Casie Wheeler walking for Relay For Life. Submitted photo



FRONT ROW: Andrew West Esquire, Prince Winston, Titus Jefferson, Jerrick Rose, Renard Collins; SECOND ROW: Angela Coleman; secretary, Latoria Green; parliamentarian, Latoya Veal; entertainment chair, Deitra Davis; modeling coach, Calherine Bradley; fashion coordinator, Tangela Bronson; president, Krystal Bates; co-fashion coordinator, Darice Mayberry; historian, Latoya Smith; modeling co-coach; THIRD ROW: Lynn Carlson-Thornton, Krystal Taylor, Adrienne Anthony, Shenika Ivy, Tina Nguyen, Gerrelaine Alcorde, E.J. James, Angelica S. Johnson, Mesgana Alemu, Haley Higdon, Rachel McDowell, Margaret Magers, Ladena Larry, Heather Butler, Nicholas Lewis; FOURTH ROW: Demetria Thompson, Deidra Bolton, Laura R. Bass, Tracie Wilson, Natasha Caviness, Jennifer Basebur, Kathy Gilmore, Drietta Stewart, Brandon Dobson, Joey Dixon, Joelle Wilcots, DeAntta M. Lewis, Kiangie Kemp, Brittany Carter, Bernice Wambari, Ashley Wlaker, Tanesha Craig, Michael Husband, Santrell Smith, Caleb T. Gaines; BACK ROW: Erika Shyvonn SMith, John Clemmons, Tammy Trepagnier, Melody Moroe, LaShonya Robinson, Jeffery P. Wallace Jr., LaSheika M. Dinkins, Kentrell D. Chambers, JaRita Booker, Takesha Robinson, Natacha Walton, Schkaria Kelly, Ashley McKenzie, Rayshun Hopson, Dominick R. Jones.



FRONT ROW: LaSheika M. Dinkins; community service chair, Lynn Carlson-Thornton; social chair, Rachel McDowell; secretary, DeAntra Lewis; cochair community service; BACK ROW: Tangela Bronson; president, Jeffery P. Wallace Jr.; male model coach, Andrew West; webmaster and recruitment, Tsega Alemu; election commissioner.

SpotLight

the community college day

Story by Elizabeth Kamhieh

Founded by Keith Wilson and nine other transfer students in 2004, the Transfer Leadership Board was established to ease the transition for students who attend Southern Miss via community colleges or other universities.

The organization allows transfer students to get involved around campus while meeting other people with similar interests. Mary Beth Walker, advisor of TLB, assists in every way to help the organization.

"My goal is to help the students make this organization what they want it to be and make a true difference in the lives of our transfer students," she said.

On Oct. 23, 2004, the TLB hosted their first annual Community College Day. This event was meant to introduce Southern Miss to potential transfer students.

Members of the organization gave tours of the campus, tailgated and awarded Southern Miss shirts to every participant. It proved to be a successful day with over 200 transfer students and their families in attendance.

At the end of the day, all participants were invited to stay and enjoy the football game at the Rock against the East Carolina pirates.

Walker believes the TLB is truly a great outlet for transfer students.

"I'm thrilled to work with these students, and I hope they will continue to grow and get their name out there as a resource for all transfers," Walker said.



Transfer Leadership Board (above) in The District on Community College Day. The Transfer Leadership Board helps promote Southern Miss and encourage students to attend the university. Photo by Nicholas Lewis

Christina Crawford (right), sophomore and speech pathology major, is registering with her father. Crawford is from New Albany and is planning on attending Southern Miss. Photo by Nicholas Lewis.

Future Black Law Students



FRONT ROW: Jason Harper, Tareco L. Davis, Selethia Malone, Joanna Harris, Alicia Roby, Katrell Nash, Anthony Mcgee; SECOND ROW: Arthur Lumzy, Jr., David Kline, Darice Mayberry, Ashley Arnold, Camillia Foote, Tearanny Street, Jade G. Matthews, Nakkia Hatten, Britton Loftin, Roderick White; BACK ROW: Keith Lampkin, Kristal Pollard, LaShonya Robinson, Quitina S. Cole, Andrew West, Kentrell Chambers.

FBLS Executive Board



FRONT ROW: Tareco L. Davis, Selethia Malone, LaShonya Robinson, Joanna Harris, Alicia Roby, Quitina S. Cole; BACK ROW: Arthur Lumzy, Jr.; historian/chaplin, Jason Harper; director of financial affairs, Andrew West; founding president, Roderick White; director of public relation and marketing.



Future Black Medical Doctors

FRONT ROW1: Arlin Victory, Kinyatta Magee, Amaziah Coleman, Erica Myles, Monjineh Springer, Jamena Watson, Dominique Donelson, Jerrick Rose;
BACK ROW: Rodney Johnson, Dewuh Brown, Allie Crawford, JaRita Booke, Spencer Jones.



The Playground

FRONT ROW: Laura Watson, Brandon Nelson; president, Ashton Tureaud; BACK ROW: Drew Etheridge, Grey Weinacker; vice president, Eric Kuehl.



FRONT ROW: Mira Williamson, Michelle Shaw, Katherine Kramer; SECOND ROW: Jock Broussard, Emmett Davis, Lane Dussett, Ashley Asken, Sara Graham, Sara Walley, Elizabeth Todd, Dane Bridges, Carol Vann; BACK ROW: Julie Keen, Mindy Morris, Christy Dickerson, Raymond Tansil, Durran Dunn, Ben Hester, Hugh Pace.

There are currently 28 members and pledges in the Southern Miss chapter. Beta Alpha Psi participates in Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, tutoring Accounting students on campus, Operation Christmas Child, Angel Tree, R.E.A.C.H. ropes course, and a faculty and student golf tournament. To become a member, undergraduate student initiates must have at least a 3.0 average in accounting courses and have a B or higher in ACC 325. The Beta Alpha Psi adviser is Mrs. Patty Munn and the officers include: Michelle Shaw, president; Carol Vann, vice president professional; Raymond Tansil, vice president service and community outreach; Sarah Graham, vice president pledged; Ashley Asken, reporting secretary; Sara Walley, recording secretary; Myra Williamson, treasurer; and Mindy Morris.

Beta Alpha Psi members at a ropes course. They are learning what it takes to be a team while standing on a log. Submitted photo



SpotLight

Picture Perfect Models debut Story by Tonya Jenkins

Founded by 12 students on the Southern Miss campus, Picture Perfect Models live by their motto, "Pictures are worth a thousand words, but a Picture Perfect Model will leave you speechless."

The organization was founded in May of 2004 from the influences of Mississippi State University and the University for Women's PPM program.

PPM consists of 70 people collectively with 60 models and 10 behind the scenes personnel. The members of the organization range in age from 13 to 60. With the help of a Mississippi State University graduate and About Face model, Beitra Davis, and LaToya Smith, a junior from Jackson, PPM puts on programs to enhance self-esteem and confidence. There are no qualifications in order to become a Picture Perfect Model, but in order to remain an active member each person must show dedication.

Once a week the group is required to meet for two and a half hours to practice different techniques. Models learn techniques such as the proper way to walk and turn as well as the importance of being photogenic along with other various skills.

The skills learned in PPM are those that members can develop and use throughout their lives. Looking attractive is one thing, but having high self-esteem and confidence is the thing that sets PPM aside from other modeling squads.

Do not be fooled by a line of pretty faces, Picture Perfect Modeling is more than just about fashion shows, they also work diligently in community service. The organization travels to different grade schools discussing the topic of self-esteem by presenting different speakers and performing various skits.

Through their direct involvement with different students, the Picture Perfect Models are essentially advocates who spread the notion and importance of a positive self-image.



Damaris Whitehead, 21, junior nursing major from Pearl, and Renard Collins a 20, junior marketing major from Hattiesburg, are modeling at the Picture Perfect Models' fashion show at Turtle Creek Mall. Photo by Greg Reeves



FRONT ROW: Keith Wilson, Marilyn Parker; SECOND ROW: Robert Ledbetter, Millicent Curtis, Erica Faust, Kellius Kelly, Jeff Jernigan, Brandon Belote, Laura Watson, Jonathan Carroll, Vincenzo Fabra, Nick Reiber; THIRD ROW: Emily Howell, Josh Schultz, Brandi Ferrer, Yvette Abadie, Bethany Dailey, Rosie Parker, Jennifer Rosebur, Richard Myers, Keith Hembree; BACK ROW: Lavee Sims, Tabitha Epperson, Elizabeth Long, Cheri Mathis, Latoya Carter, Kelly Lewis, Crystal Broome, Kelly Hollingsworth, Neal Kirby, Jaime McKercher, Matikia Wilson.

The mission of the Legacy Board is to lead the general membership of The Legacy to support the Alumni Association in its endeavors and the promotion of its theme: Tradition, Pride, Loyalty, and Excellence. The Legacy Board seeks to promote a strong connection between students and alumni by creating a greater sense of tradition and spirit among The Varsity (student body) at Southern Miss. The members of the Legacy Board raise awareness on campus for all University events by serving as communication vehicles and as role models to The Varsity through their actions, words, participation and overall spirit. The Legacy Board leads by example and is the epitome of Southern Miss spirit by living the motto of The Legacy.



The Legacy Members after the Eagle Walk painting. Submitted photo



FRONT ROW: Miranda Street, Jeff Jernigan; president, Joanna Gaston, Tabitha Epperson, Laura Lewis; graduate assistant, Brandon Belote, Les-Leigh Friedmann; BACK ROW: Neal Kirby, Keith Wilson, Dawn Smith; advisor, Marilyn Parker, Keith Hembree. Submitted photo

SpotLight

Story by Lakeshia Allen

The University Activities Council has always been known to find ways of getting students involved around campus.

The UAC sponsored a program that allowed many students to express themselves in various ways. Students were given the opportunity to reveal their talents to others and to whatever extent they wanted to.

The participating students and the students and staff of the audience really enjoyed this program and never knew what to expect. Held in Stout Hall, singing, rapping and poetry reading were the key talents of the event. These selections covered various genres due to the diversity of the crowd and participants.

One student in particular received a warm welcome from the audience by singing and playing country music on his guitar. Then came the more exclusive, poetry of all types flowed through the room. The moods varied from inspirational to love to African American poetry.

"I enjoyed open mic nite. There should be more activities like this on campus," said Derron Christmas, junior business administration real estate major. Overall, the program was one of talent and ambition. Open Mic Nite was really a unique way for students to express themselves artistically.



Greg Lawrence, 21 sophomore graphic design major. Greg raps an original piece in the group called GMB & DANK at UAC's Open Mic Nite. Photo by Matikia Wilson



Logan Stogner, 19, sophomore exercise science major and Joseph Johnson, 21, English major are playing the guitars as they perform for UAC's Open Mic Nite. The name of their group is called Whitecracker. Photo by Matikia Wilson



FRONT ROW: Pamela Robinson; fund raising chair, Arlecia Hudson; historian, Angela Coleman; president, Kelly Ennis; vice president, Quaindra Womack; treasurer; SECOND ROW: Marlo Matthews, Ashley Lacey, Erin Duffy, Shannon Gandy, Bradley Nicole Triplett, Erica Goldman, Katie Miller, Tabitha Nechelle Williams; BACK ROW: Courtney McCray, Adam Jones, Jarvis Chambers, John Clemmons, Lazarus Taylor.

S.P.E.E.D. is a chartered organization here at the University of Southern Mississippi whose main goal is to promote diversity. We are a group of members of the student body who work with other organizations to spread the goal of diversity to others. Officers include: Angela Coleman; president, Kelly Ennis; vice president, Quaindra Womack; treasurer, Arlecia Hudson; historian, Mrs. Vrita Delaine; adviser. Group fund raisers: Dance of Unity, Celebrity Look-A-Like contest.

We, the members of S.P.E.E.D., promise to promote, educate, and empower for diversity by mentoring and motivating not only at the University of Southern Mississippi but also throughout the community. We will strive for excellence, clarity, and tranquility through proper commination within our organization, and we will also acknowledge and assist other organizations in their efforts to promote diversity. As members of this organization, we will implement multicultural programs that embrace differences so that students can fully understand the importance and value of diversity: therefore, bringing the student body together as one.

SpotLight

ocean hunger banquet

Story by Tonya Jenkins

The Office of Community Service Learning hosted Hunger and Homeless week Nov. 15-19. The OCSL conducted various activities with the main function as the Hunger Banquet held on Nov. 18. The Hunger Banquet, founded by Oxfam America, was created to inform people of the hunger problems throughout the world. Hunger is not just an aspect in third world countries, but a problem of entire surrounding communities.

"I came to the banquet because I wanted to find out more about people surviving off a limited amount of supplies," said Katrina Reed, senior from Tunica. "It's sad to see how blessed people truly are and yet they take so much for granted."

The Banquet was open to the public and upon entrance participants each chose a card revealing their level of dining for the night. Written on the cards was each participant's socioeconomic class along with a short summary about their character. Upper class cardholders were permitted to sit at nice tables, the middle class participants were directed to sit in chairs and the lower class cardholders occupied the floor. The host then asked for volunteers who were asked to switch places with participants of another class. This exercise was essentially a metaphor describing the everyday conflicts that people endure. Conflicts such as job loss, flood disasters and shortages were presented to the participants.

The seating, however, was not the only surprise of the evening. The prepared dinner was another. The very select upper class enjoyed a full course meal. The middle class was served rolls, rice and beans while the lower class ate out of a corn husk filled with rice. Likewise, tea was served to the upper and middle classes while the lower class was served "dirty" water.

Bill Prout, associate director of Christian Services, spoke to the assembly with regard to the devastation of hunger and homeless people around the globe.

Yolanda Paylor, single mother of three children, shared her testimony of how she struggled at one point during her life and how Christian Services' acts of kindness encouraged her. Hunter Philips, assistant director of OCSL said, "It was a global symbol of hunger."



Bill Prout, associate director of Christian Services, spoke about what Christian Services does for the Christmas holidays. Photo by Matikia Wilson



Jeffrey Wallace, junior, general studies major, eating beans, rice and tortilla wraps because he is in the lower income family. Photo by Matikia Wilson

Eagle Connection



FRONT ROW: Les-Leigh Friedmann, April Ivins, Stephanie Napier, Roselyn Ahua, Jennifer Gee, Amanda King; advisor; SECOND ROW: Tabitha Epperson, Alina Santillan, Kelly Hollingsworth, Sara Bailey, Brittney M. Johnson, Lesley Prude; BACK ROW: Mallori Watson, David Turner, Keith Wilson, Elizabeth Bridges.

Lambda Sigma



FRONT ROW: Barbara Ross; advisor, Maggie Wesley; service chair, Megan Wilkinson; social chair, Jordan Hailey; president, Cris Crisler; vice president, Tim Bennett; treasurer, Gene Gouax; secretary; SECOND ROW: Monesca Smith, Smantha Leake, Yavette Burley, Karen Schultze, Sarah Leonard, Beth Cochran, Mary Frances Wilks, Diana Strickland, Sara Nicholson, Leslie Holder, Yvette Abadie, Liz Maestri; BACK ROW: Ashley Triplett, Laurie Johnston, Chip Frazier, Josh Rilefle, Angela Coleman, LaShonya Robinson, Chauncey Berry, Matthew Godfrey, Adrienne Hinton, Megan Priest, Tabitha Nechelle Williams, Yolanda Moore.

SpotLight

Championship Flag Football

Story by Lakeshia Allen

The Championship Flag Football game was held on Nov. 17, 2004 at The Rock. It was very exciting and drew lots of support from peers. There were three games during this event.

Sophomore James Lowe, said, "Recreational sports is a great way to get involved on campus.

"It allows individuals to meet a lot of people."

The co-rec game was between Miss Whoever/ Whoever and the Regulators. The game was full of energy. The teams were hyped about the game and played with great sportsmanship. The champions of this game were Miss Whoever/ Whoever with a score of 24-6.

"Dig in the dirt for what you want," said Traniece Green of Miss Whoever.

"It [flag football] is the greatest sport on earth," states Kashondra London of Regulators.

"Hard work brings tremendous success. We were doubted by many," said Jermaine Cato, senior Whoever member.

"We had to shock the world once again. This is our fourth straight year. Labor up.," Cato said.

The women's game was between Miss Whoever and Kappa Delta A. Ending with a score of 19-0, Miss Whoever took championship. These ladies loved the idea of being able to express themselves on the football field.

"Play safe, play strong, have fun," said D'Ana Baldwin of Miss Whoever.

"We had fun getting this far," said junior, Cherie' Kay

"We are excited about getting to play in the rock," said Kay.

Laura Reed said, "This is my second year playing with the same team. I absolutely love it. It is so much fun.

"I think we need more support, others should share the excitement," Reed said.

The men's game was between Kappa Sigma and the Taus. With the final score being 21-7, Kappa Sigma gained victory.



Kappa Delta and Miss Whoever playing in Division II Championship Flag Football. A Miss Whoever player prepares to hike the football to the quarterback. Photo by Matikia Wilson

Golden Key International Honour Society



FRONT ROW: Officers; Felicia George, Melissa Sanchez, Rachel Stone, Amanda Meadows, Rosaliind B. Newsom; BACK ROW: Emily Helms, Sarah Thelen, Mallory Blakeslee, Stephanie Carr, Ryan Kelly.

Presbyterian Fellowship



FRONT ROW: Megan McIntyre, Sandra McLaurin, Amy Ruff; BACK ROW: Emilie Laiche, Nick Sikes, Nathan McArthur, Tommy Lofton.

SpotLight

Story by Lakeshia Allen

The Gay/ Straight Alliance is a group of students who share issues and help one another. This alliance has relationship therapy to help them with these decisions. They think of it as a healthy relationship project.

The purpose of this alliance is to allow persons identifying with the homosexual community the opportunity to present their ideas of what a relationship is. They are given the ins and outs of a healthy relationship and how to solve problems.

Geoffrey Philabaun is the president of this organization. Philabaun, senior music major said, "Same sex relationships, because of their taboo nature, are avoided in a child's development, no matter the sexual orientation of the child.

"This leaves the gay community grasping for straws, where the result is usually the shortest straw in the bunch, not by fault of our own, but an ignorance to all aspects of the same sex relationship dynamic."

The presenter for this presentation titled, A Healthy Relationship, was Sharon McMahon, a licensed professional counselor. McMahon discussed the principles toward a good relationship.

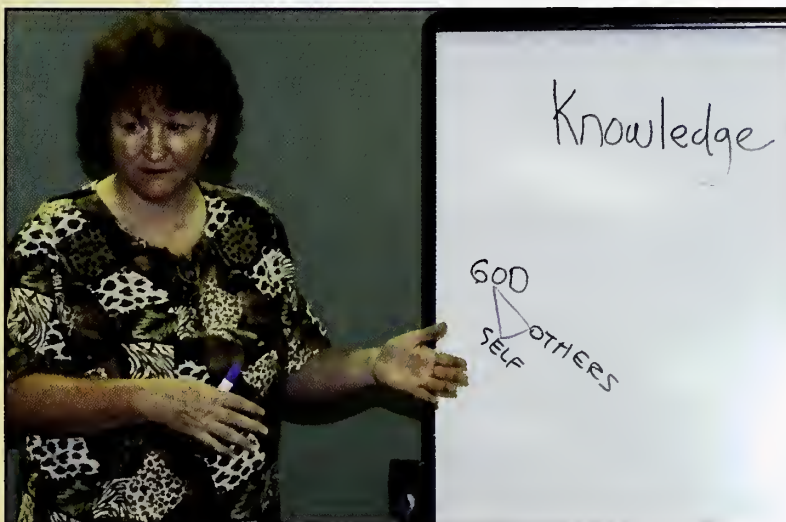
She said knowledge was the key source to the initial point of every relationship. She stressed that knowledge lets an individual know whether or not their mate is relatively fit for them. She said, "You should start out by knowing who the person is."

She thinks an individual's upbringing has a great affect on what they look for in relationships. McMahon stresses the point of intellectual/emotion. She says that when your heart and your mind tell you to do two different things, use I/E.

"I really appreciate the opportunity to hear about gay relationships in a safe, stable way," said Kevin Babb, freshman psychology major.



Neil Somorripa, 26, mathematics major, Tacoma, Wash., listens attentively at the Gay/ Straight Alliance relationship therapy session. He comments, "I enjoy expressing my ideas and listening to different ideas among others." Photo by Latisa Virgil



Sharon McMahon, licensed professional counselor, speaks to members of the Gay/Straight Alliance about the steps towards a successful relationship. Photo by Latisa Virgil



FRONT ROW: Reginald Townsend, Chadrick Odie, Cedric Adams; corresponding secretary, LaMorrius Curtis; vice president, Milton Williams; president, Alford Perryman, Jr.; treasurer, Thomas Barker; historian, James Williams; recording secretary, Ivan Edwards, David Turner; SECOND ROW: Neal Kirby, Gene Gouaux, Jerry Gordon, Cory Horton, Alfred Nelson, Reginald Woods; BACK ROW: Sam Tart, Jarvis Chambers, John Clemmons, Darell Coffey, Bryce Labat; programming chair.

LaTasha Boddy (left), freshman psychology major receives a rose from Derek Jones, junior psychology major from Natchez. Jones was a participant in the Men of Excellence Date Auction with a bid of \$50. Photo by Sara Moxley



Neal Kirby, senior elementary education major and LaKesha Vaughn, junior advertising major at the Men of Excellence's Part II of Essence of a Woman. Kirby is pampering and massaging Vaughn's hand. Photo by Matikia Wilson



"The Men of Excellence is a group of young men united to accomplish one common goal. That goal is to improve and better the image of young men.

In striving to achieve that goal, we work to develop stronger leadership skills and to build a more positive image on the campus of University of Southern Mississippi.

While expanding our horizons and exploring new heights, it is our hope that we will encourage men on our campus to uphold these great expectations."

- Men of Excellence

Officers include: Milton Williams; president, LaMorrius Curtis, vice president, Alford Perryman; treasurer, Cedric Adams; corresponding secretary, James Williams; recording secretary, Cal Johnson; public relations, Toby Barker; historian, Walt Cain; parliamentarian, Chadrick Odie; community service chair; Prince Winston; fund raising chair, Bryce Labat; programming chair, Mike Mitchell and Damien Thomas; advisors.



FRONT ROW: Jason Harper; president, Doya Langston; vice president, D. Lewis; public relations and secretary, Melissa Carpenter; advisor; BACK ROW: Travis Self, Ashley Arnold, Minister Cedric Bridges, John L. Lewis, Jr.

Church of God in Christ Fellowship



Student Speech and Hearing Association

Student Broadcasters Association



FRONT ROW: Grayson Knight; public relations, Taylor Lehman; secretary and treasurer, Marilyn Leddy; vice president, Justin Smith; vice president, Jenna Jordan; president; SECOND ROW: Amy Taylor, Jillian Harper, Courtney Smith, Jewell Davis, Jessica Phelps, Geanovia Michelle Caruthers, Tangela M. Patterson, Christie Herrington, Cynthia Jones, Ashley Gaston; BACK ROW: Tonya Jenkins, Jennifer A. Smith, Cassie Overstreet, Brooke Posey, Krystl Bates, Latoya Veal, Kevin Wheeler, Keith Wilson, La'Tacita L. Gordon.

IDEAL Women



FRONT ROW: Darice Mayberry, LaKeishia Bryant, Romeka Sellers; vice president, Quintasha Miller, Carmen Buford; president, Kashaunte Thomas; BACK ROW: Tina Nguyen, Monjineh Springer, Kiangie Kemp, Toni Anderson, Constance Cash, Reo Maynard.

SpotLight

Story by Nichole Cyprian

Football games were more than just times of triumph and defeat. They were also stressful on Southern Miss students with cars who had to relocate their vehicles the night before each home game.

Students were expected to move their cars in Elam Arms parking lot or the Theatre and Dance parking lot. Naturally, this posed a problem to students, not only concerning the distance from their cars to their dorms, but also their well-being.

To alleviate this problem, the Student Government Association sponsored the Varsity Express, a transportation system operated by the Freshmen Associates and additional SGA members. Varsity Express picked up students after they were done parking their vehicles and brought them back to campus safely.

Varsity Express did not only benefit the student body, it was also enjoyable to those who worked to make it possible.

"By working Varsity Express, I feel like I am servicing the student community," said Freshmen Associates member, Kim Belsom.

"This is just a way to show that the SGA cares about the safety of the students, and wants to provide a safe environment," said Belsom.

For many of the SGA members, Varsity Express was a time to get to know people and feel involved in campus life.

Patrick Cliburn, sophomore marketing major and co-advisor of Freshmen Associates, said the experience was especially beneficial to the freshmen SGA members.

"It was a great way for us to get to know each other and everyone participating in the express," said Cliburn.



Students boarding Varsity Express at the Theater and Dance Building parking lot during Eagle Palooza. Varsity Express took students downtown for SGA's concert and pep rally event featuring Gavin DeGraw as the headliner. Photo by Matikia Wilson



FRONT ROW: Alandria Aldridge; election chair, Tabitha Williams; secretary general, James Williams; vice president, LaKeisha Bryant; president, Yavette Burley; treasurer; SECOND ROW: LaKesha L. Vaughn; activities chair, Latoya S. Johnson; community service co-chair, Aquila Hinton ;cultural awareness co-chair, Tamiaka Patton; historian, Aisha Bishop; public relations chair, Courtney Smith; intramural sports; BACK ROW: Vanecia Davis; activities chair, Shemina Ethridge; community service chair, Shamika Wright; corresponding secretary, Damian D. Thomas; advisor, Arlin Victory; intramural chair, Tasha Kwarteng; cultural awareness co-chair, David Turner; ambassador; NOT PICTURED: Alfreda Horton and Vrita Delaine; advisors.



Kneeli Kemp, Micah Cannon, Jermanie Johnson and Quenesha Thomas perform as the AASO Dance Team danced to "Get it on the Floor", "Goodies" and "Breathe, Stretch, Shake" during Showtime at the Apollo. Photo by Matikia Wilson

Celesta Poole, 25, theater major from Hattiesburg. Poole sang, "Yesterday" by Shanice. Photo by Matikia Wilson



SpotLight

Story by Tanesha Craig

During this special holiday, it is a common event for families and friends to come together and celebrate Christmas by the exchanging and presenting of gifts.

Unfortunately, there are many families who are unable to provide gifts for their families. Southern Miss and many other organizations come together each year to collect and donate toys for those families in need.

This year's Christmas toy drive was held on Dec. 1 in the Union. Many organizations that participated in this year's event including: University of Activities Council, Picture Perfect Models, IDEAL Women, NAACP and several other organizations.

Each organization worked diligently to make this toy drive a success. "Christmas is the season for giving. Everyone needs a toy for Christmas," said UAC member Jeffery P. Wallace.

"Next year's Christmas should be promoted more extensively among all USM students, not just those who are in specific organizations and clubs," said Wallace.

"Get the entire student body involved," Wallace said.

Tabitha Williams, sophomore English licensure major, and member of the NAACP was also actively involved in this year's event.

"I am thankful that I was able to contribute to those children who are less fortunate than me," said Williams.

"It felt good on the inside to give something of myself so that others might benefit by having a toy for the Christmas holiday," Williams said.

"The only thing I can think of that would make next year's drive better would be to better publicize it not only in organizations but in residence halls and with fliers in classrooms and eating facilities," Williams said.



(top) Toys that were donated by various organizations and students of Southern Miss for less fortunate families. Photo by Matikia Wilson

Kindrela Culver, sophomore marketing major, represents Phi Chi Theta at the second Fill in the Stockings Toy Drive with a bag of toys for less fortunate children. Photo by Matikia Wilson

Dixie Darlings



Erica Bennett, Tiffany Bird, Lindsay Boler, Rebecca Chandler, Jennifer Cornette, Brittany Davis, Shannon Davis, Les-Leigh Friedmann, Kathryn Gray, Kristen Harris, Courtney Langford, Megan Lee, Dana Lightsey, Michelle Long, Mandi Magill, Amanda Rabalais, Dana Pearson, Erin Sheppard, Jenna Tapper, Magon Tubbs, Jessica Buckelew, Jessica Bueto, Gabrielle Brown, Courtney Dunn, Kala Ferguson, Jessica Fillingim, Maggie Fournier, Stephe Jacobs, Brooke Kellerhals, Alex Kerwin, Kendall Levens, Michelle Mason, Lina Ow, Tess Poothulli, Erin Parker, Ashley Ruple, Amber Shaffer, Sarah Rouse, Lesile Spencer, Kayla Russo, Cherri Wesley, Addie Williams, Lesile Williams; Captains: Megan Amedeo, Priscilla Austin, Sarah McGrath, Melissa Puckett; Lieutenants: Elizabeth Bridges, LeAnne Miller



The Dixie Darlings kicking and dancing at a Southern Miss football game while the band performs behind them. Photos by Jennifer Petcher



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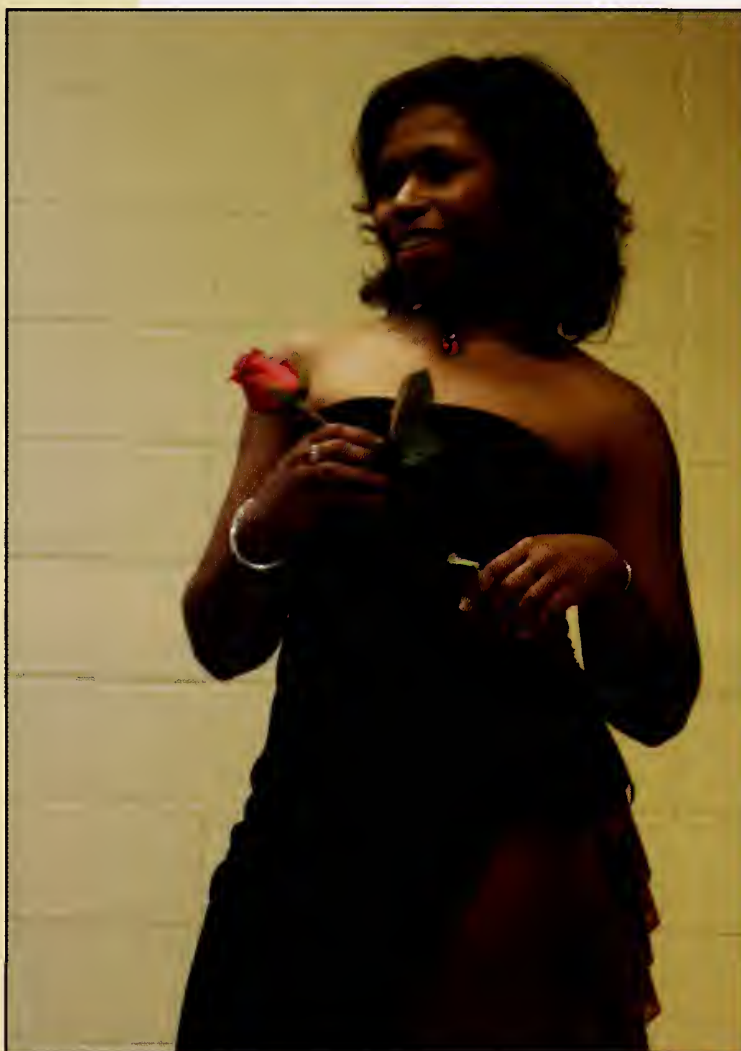
Story by Kimberly Johnson

The 3rd Annual Men of Excellence Dating Auction, hosted by Angela Coleman and Reginald Townsend was a success. Many students and bidders came out to show their support for the Men of Excellence. There were 20 participants in all, both male and female. As each participant strolled down to the stage, DJ. Sweat had the music sounding good to fit the mood. There was a lot of back and forth bidding with the bids rising higher and higher each time until the highest bidder achieved victory.

One participant left the auction with not just one, but two bidders. The winning date from the Men of Excellence, also sponsored by the local bowling alley, Applebee's Bar and Grill and other supporting businesses in the Hattiesburg area. There was a great deal of money raised at the end of the night. The proceeds of this event went towards the Salvation Army, community service activities and building funds for the organization.

The 3rd Annual Men of Excellence Dating Auction was a component to the Men of Excellence Week's events. They also held other programs such as "Friends with benefits," a safe sex program sponsored by the University Clinic, and "Show me the money," a career choice program sponsored by Career Services. The Men of Excellence also perform community service at the Family Education Center in downtown Hattiesburg where they help kids with their homework and recreational skills.

Programs such as these are one of the many ways in which the Men of Excellence strive to establish and use their leadership skills that will enhance not only themselves, but peers alike and those they come in contact with. "The Men of Excellence is a group of young men, touching, agreeing, and working to accomplish one goal. That goal is to improve and better the image of young men, where emphasis is on African American men. In doing so, the organization intends to encourage self-respect and self-esteem, by way of providing positive role models and networking with other professionals within the educational, industrial, professional and recreational communities," said Milton Williams, Men of Excellence president.



Jillian Harper, freshman broadcast journalism major is a contestant in the Men of Excellence date auction. Harper is holding a rose that she received from a member of the audience. Photo by Sara Moxley

Crossroads Student Ministry



FRONT ROW: Joaquin A. Loper; SECOND ROW: Sara Rodriguez, Abby Rhodes, Samantha Day, Portia Collins, Valerie Hayes, Sabrina Norwood, Patrick Lowery, Lisa Knight; THIRD ROW: James McGee, B. J. Lampley, Marilyn Leddy, Brittany Hammons, Kamario S. Granger, Brian Tanner, Jared Saucier; BACK ROW: Steven Griffin, Jason Abrams, Jacob Windham, Tommy Foster, Cory Luckett, Robert Johnson.

Transfer Leadership Board



FRONT ROW: Millicent Curtis, Tabitha Epperson, Lori Jo Butler Allision, Kathryn Bush, Charmaine Williams, Melissa Roughton; SECOND ROW: Paige Bennett, Angela Ellison, Crystal Broome, Celena Rouse, Tara Clayton, Jessica Hawkins; BACK ROW: Brandi Hamilton, Keith Wilson, David Sarton, Laner Sims, Eric Standford, Mary Beth Walker; advisor.

Founded in March 2004, the Transfer Leadership Board is composed of a group of 22 outstanding university and community college transfer students from around the state and region. Students must apply and meet qualifications listed in order to be selected to TLB.

This elite team works together to maintain excellence in scholarship and leadership amongst transfer during their first year at Southern Miss. TLB also assists in the recruitment of transferring students and promotes the Southern Miss brand.

At 22 members, TLB stresses leadership and campus involvement to transfer students both traditional and non-traditional.



FRONT ROW: Rudy Bracey, Michael Richardson; BACK ROW: Andre Heath, Kirbie Clark, Alford Perryman Jr. Submitted photos

Increasing Minority Access to Graduate Education is an organization of students devoted to making sure no student fails in his or her pursuit of higher education. Students form a network through IMAGE that allows them to aid one another in and out of the classroom.

IMAGE members have access to perks, including a constantly expanding database of class notes and old exams, with the opportunity to participate in many activities designed to enhance their education and prepare them for graduate school and/or the job market.

IMAGE accepts students whose majors and ethnicities qualify under the guidelines for the MAMP and CSEMS programs; however, a student does not have to be part of either programs to join IMAGE. There is no minimum GPA requirement for membership.

The officers are: Kirbie Clark; president, Skina Hoskins; vice president, DeMarcus Stewart; secretary, Mike Richardson; treasurer, Rudy Bracey; parliamentarian, Denise Beitia; public relations chair, Prince Winston; fund raising chair and Arthur Wimberly; community service chair.



FRONT ROW: Nadriah Owens-Sabir, Frank Gandy, Jr., Devita Rachell King, Danyelle R. Davis, Brandon Wellington Ailes, Rudy Bracey, Katrell Nash, Christina N. Gaines, Kendrick Gilson; SECOND ROW: Canesia Booth, LaShonda Collins, Shendra Barry, Catrina R. James, Zaccardo Clark, Jay Robinson, Shaun Lott, Aureesa Weatherspoon, Justin Smith, Symanthia Jones; BACK ROW: Cory Horton, April Branson, Camillia Foote, Laterrence Bivens, Shelton Pittman, Dominic Peterson, Taneka Thomas, Melissa Banks, Tabitha Williams, Dominick R. Jones.



Mary Beth Walker, Tabitha Williams, Lyndsey Britton, Lyndsey Jalvia, LaShonya Robinson, David Merkosley, Logan Grubbs, Jennifer Ladner, Vincent Price, Zaronda Watson, Jessica Davis, Kristal Pollard, Crimson Corton, Savannah Funches, Gia GoHardi, Ronnie Hebert, Shan Lott, Shelton Pittman, Lakendria Milton, Ashley Long, Robyn Lawson, Lesley Shannon, Elizabeth Jackson, Caitlin Winters, Beth Richardson, Hillary Walters, Lauren McDougald, Caroline Kingsdorf, Ashley Cangelosi, Mandy Roberts, Rachel Newton, Kelly Hembree, Ashton Tureaud, Ashley Barrient, Staci Cochran, Jenny Eaton, Karen Waldrop, Laura Hanna, Whitney Miller, Cathenne Hager, Kimberly Eddy, Kenn Shockle, Jared Hill, Nichole Cypnan, Tammy Owens, Ashleigh Selbach, Robyn White, Katie Breen, Miriam Ladner, Brian Tanner, Emily Howell.

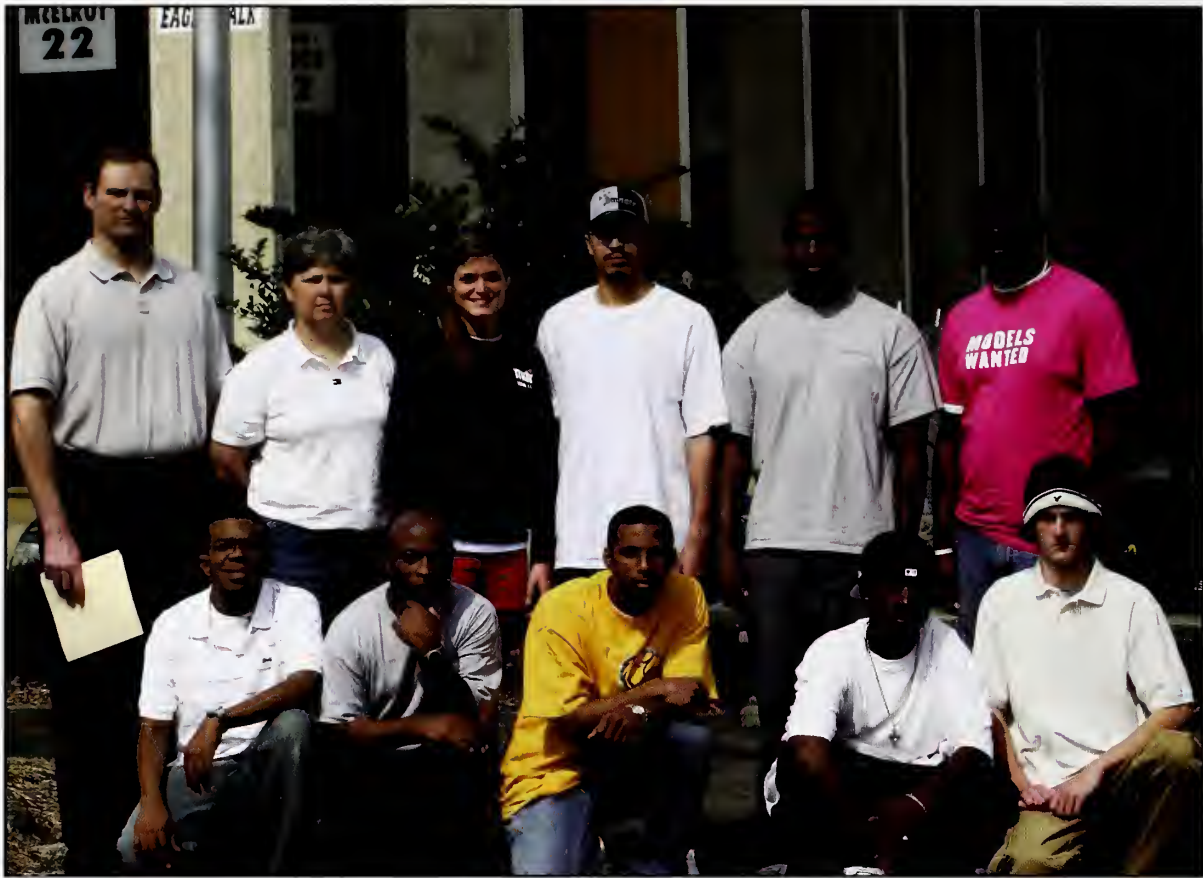


FRONT ROW: Rossie Ahua, Mary Anna Mcmanus, Stacey Rivers, Jackie Baxter, Angela Dobbe, Amaziah Coleman; SECOND ROW: Stephanie Napier, Kellen Higginbotham, Leslie Tynes, Margie Heltzel, Katie Newman, Julie April, Lakeba Jackson, Cherie Kay Thriffiley; BACK ROW: Adam Buckalew, Matt Davis, Neal Kirby, Jamie Cruise, Milton Williams, Chad King, Hugh Pace, Jeff Jernigan, Ryan Mahoney, Chris Walker, Charles Arinder.



Southern Style is a diverse group of students leaders selected to serve as orientation leaders for Preview and Premiere. They also serve as the host group for university events, including commencement, Award's Day, and Legislative Weekend. This year Southern Style consists of 25 members.

Sports Professional Student Association



FRONT ROW: Taylor Cannon, Greg Jones, Augustus Griffin, Ali Coleman, Adam Sullivan; vice president; BACK ROW: Dwaywe Massey; advisor, Rosie Robertson; president, Jackie Wright, Sammy Sanchez, Jermanie Thomas, Robert McCullum.

Campus Civitan



Keith Wilson, Crystal Broome; public relations director, Kala Grice; secretary, Elizabeth Bridges; president, Melissa Carpenter; CEOE advisor.

SpotLight

Story by Lakeshia Allen

This program reflected greatly upon the world today and how Dr. King would feel about the statistical differences. The hosts of this annual memorial celebration were the African American Student Organization, NAACP and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. The event attracted many students, many of which were motivated to learn something new about their ancestor's struggles.

"This event was really an inspirational one," said freshman Ricky Clark Jr. "I am so proud to see a lot of the students on campus, black and white getting together for a positive event. I was really touched," Clark said.

A march was performed by the participating group in honor of those who paved a way for others. Carey Mays, Alpha Phi Alpha president, led the group in prayer. NAACP President, Brandon Ailes, welcomed everyone to the program.

Danyella Berry, sophomore AASO choir member, sang "Precious Lord." Reflections were given by Prince Winston, while Courtney Douglas and David Turner lit the candles. The lit candles during the march, expressed the means of admiration of those who paved a way through the dark ages of African Americans. A silent march proceeded to Stout Hall B, where a special program was performed.

"The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on campus was an enlightening experience that emphasized the importance of Dr. King and his efforts in helping us and future generations achieve 'the dream,'" said Kristal Pollard, freshman AASO alto choir member.

Roderick Gilbert found Dr. King's poem, "Remember the Dream," personally meaningful. "This poem connected the fight of the past with the world of today. Many wondered whether the dream was still alive or still just a dream being fought for," said Gilbert.

In special tribute, Tabitha Williams, NAACP secretary, spoke on holding on to the dream. Alpha Phi Alpha also presented a tribute to Dr. King. The theme of this performance was "No Justice! No Peace." It was based around the scenario of the Montgomery Bus Transit regarding Rosa Parks. At the conclusion of the skit, the Alpha Phi Alpha stepping team performed in tribute to King titled "The Alpha Man."



Senior computer engineer and technology major, Nathaniel Johnson and Jamaya Smith, junior marketing major, march to Stout Hall to the Dr. Martin Luther King Program. They're holding candles in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Photo by Matikia Wilson

University Activities Council

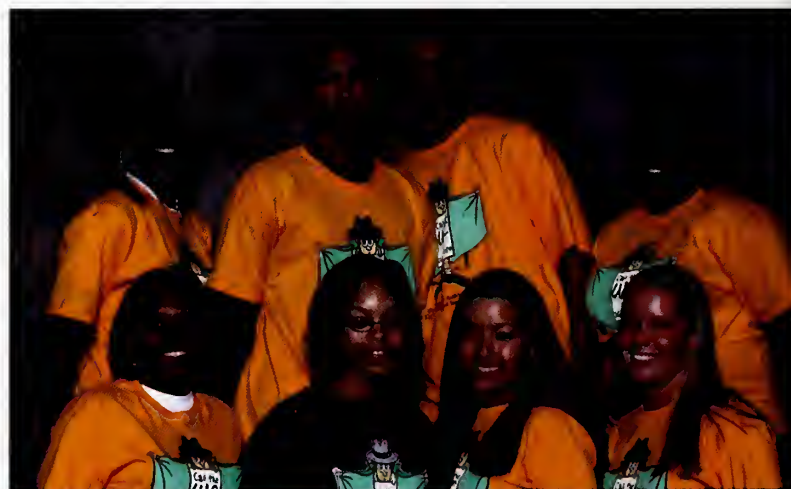


Officers



FRONT ROW: Krista Hayes; special projects chair, Christina El-Murr; tech, Shavonn Nowlin; president, Anne Nehlig; advertising chair, Tasha McBride; graduate assistant; BACK ROW: Sarah E. Davis; union chair, Zach Hunt; major entertainment chair, Brant Ryan; advisor, Mark Carter; union chair, David Walker; advertising chair.

Special Projects



FRONT ROW: Tiya Jones, Krista Hayes, Melissa King, Lauren White; BACK ROW: Racheal L. Jones, Rayshun Hopson, Jeffery P. Wallace Jr., Alice Walker.

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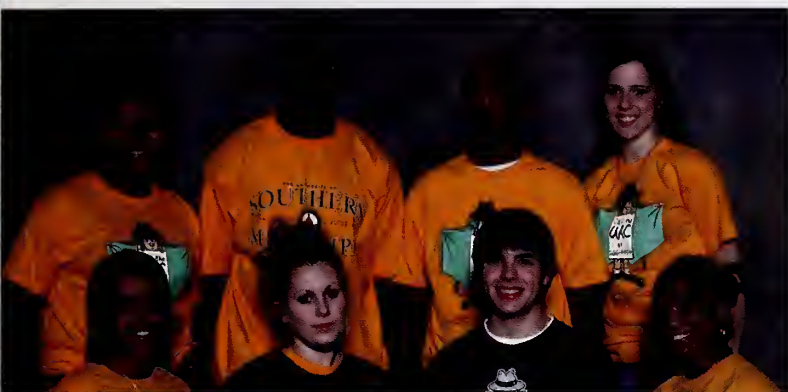
Story by Krista Hayes

Major Entertainment



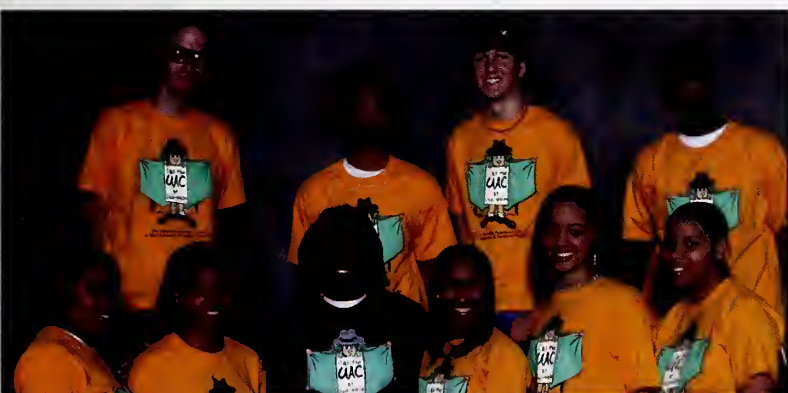
FRONT ROW: Adrienne Anthony, Adrienne Walton, Nadirah Owens-Sabir, Emily Deluca, Lauren McDougald, Lindsey Tatum, BACK ROW: Emily Nelson, Kerri Bell, Zach Hunt, Jonathan Pegues, Aquila Smith, Shemina Ehtridge.

Union



FRONT ROW: Detrice Parker, Sarah E. Davis, Mark Carter, Kenya Holifield; BACK ROW: Johnquitta Adams, Keith Lampkin, Cortez Adams, Kellie St. Cyr.

Variety



FRONT ROW: Kajuandina Beasley, Stacy Morgan, Shavonn Nowlin, Brittney White, JaRita Booker, MaDonna Burnham; BACK ROW: Chris Cagle, Chris Boothe, Whit Meeks, Derron Christmas.

Advertising



FRONT ROW: David Walker, Ava Rhodes, Bridget Ragan, Anne Nehlig; BACK ROW: Kate Rudzki, Kiet Le, Mindy Willett.

The University Activities Council is definitely a force to be reckoned with. Comprised of 55 energetic members and an executive board, UAC is by far one of the most active organizations on campus.

With such a diverse representation of our members, UAC is a trailblazer in the areas of event coordinating and planning. UAC is presented for the students by the students.

With a whole philosophy built around fun, UAC is the place to turn for creative and unique events.

With an event happening every week, UAC is bound to have something for everyone. Such hits as Casino Night and Crawfish Fest, are packed with fun that entertains for hours.

"I do enjoy my time in UAC," said freshman Rayshun Hopson.

"I always have a good time and make friends in this organization that will be with me throughout my college career. I can't wait to see what we come up with for next year," Hopson said.

With direction of advisor Brant Ryan, the UAC is headed into unbelievable directions like never before.

Optometry Association



Traveon Ferguson, Trakena Cole, Megan Moore, Tsega Alemu, MarQuita Green, Roselyn Green, Halari McFarland, Kendrick Gilson.

College Student Personnel Association



FRONT ROW: Maigan Wipfli, Glenna S. Guidry, Sarah Thelen, Megan McConnell, Yolanda Johnson; SECOND ROW: Deirdre Joseph, Simonee Patton, Kasandra Bies, Christy Bjork, Tonya Bates; BACK ROW: Travis Griffin, Trey Skaggs III.

SpotLight

American Humanics Submitted story

American Humanics is a national alliance of colleges, universities and nonprofit organizations dedicated to educating, preparing and certifying professionals to strengthen and lead nonprofit organizations. The program is designed to give undergraduates and graduates certificate of nonprofit management.

American Humanics is headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., and was founded by Roe Bartel, former mayor of Kansas City. American Humanics has alliances with over 70 colleges and universities across the nation. National sponsors include organizations such as Urban League, Boy Scouts of America, Big Brother/Big Sisters, Junior Achievement and Girls Inc.

In the nonprofit world where there is something that satisfies everyone's tastes. From children to elderly to foreign affairs, with American Humanics anyone can find something that meets their interests and can make an enjoyable career from it.

To receive the certificate of nonprofit management, there are 14 competencies that one must meet. Competencies are met through classes, workshops and seminars. Most people have already met at least half of the competencies just by classes they have taken. Also upon graduation, members would have to attend workshops, network with nonprofit organizations from all over and even apply for jobs and internships. American Humanics also plays an integral role in the community by sponsoring events, fund raising and community service.

Housed at the Office of Community Service Learning, Southern Miss offers the only American Humanics program in the state. The certification give students the edge needed to compete with others for entry-level positions with the national nonprofit. Students gain the skills to be able to operate in the nonprofit world, the skills that will be obtained will be useful in the corporate world.



FRONT ROW: DeVita Rachell King, LaShana Sorrell, Courtney Fields; BACK ROW: ChiQuita Dozier, Kiangé Kemp.

SGA Senate



FRONT ROW: Rosalind B. Newsom, Madeleine Hamilton, Amber Walton, Jessica Gordon, Casey Carden, Yvette Abadie; SECOND ROW: Brian Hudson, Tabitha Epperson, Sophia Robinson, Laurie Johnston, Aisha Bishop, Telisa Callahan, Stephanie Paige, Matt Quin; BACK ROW: Mike Mitchell, David Sarton, Cory Horton, David Turner, Aaron Weddington, Alford Perryman, Jr., Dominick Jones, Jonathan Krebs.

Cabinet



FRONT ROW: Latoya Veal, Prince Winston, Mike Mitchell; advisor, Jonathan Krebs; vice president, Tansy Hall; election commissioner, Allison Gouaux; attorney general, Walt Cain; president, Druhan Moreland, Holly Spigener, Candace Bush; SECOND ROW: Monesca Smith, Shenika Ivy, Sara Nicholson, Lauren Rizzuto, Kimberly Helton, Lindsey Mayhall, Ethan Bratton, Ashley Johnson, Angela Coleman, Margie Heltzel, Neal Kirby, Jamie Lynn Kohut, Patrick Cliburn, Karla E. Anderson, Yolanda Moore; BACK ROW: Ryan Kelly, Charles Arinder, Charles Childress, Gene Gouax, Chip Frazier, Tim Bennett, Keith Hembree, Jamie Torres, Cris Crisler, Matthew Godfrey, Gates Crisler, John Clemmons.

Judicial Board



FRONT ROW: LaKeisha Bryant, Allison Gouaux, Catrice Stribling, Alicia Lane; BACK ROW: Priscilla Sims, Mike Mitchell, Ryan Matthew Mahoney, Jessica C. Olive.

Executive Board



FRONT ROW: Mike Mitchell, Walt Cain, Jonathan Krebs; BACK ROW: Tansy Hall and Allison Gouaux.



Freshman Leadership Council

FRONT ROW: Yolanda Moore, Megan Steard, Lauren McDougald, Carlie McCrary, Mary Darby Wall, Tina Nguyen, Ashley Nicholson, Karla E. Anderson; SECOND ROW: Quitina Cole, Michael P. White, Ashley Brown, Kimberly Hymel, Tara Gremillion, Karah Hill, Adile Guidry; BACK ROW: Tonya Jenkins, LaCharles Green, Tivan Harris, Courtney Donald.



Freshman Associates

FRONT ROW: Oscar Shoemaker, Marcus Johnson, Tanesha Craig, Kimberly Belsom; historian, Hope Dearman; treasurer, Beth Guess; vice president, Vincenzo Fabra; president, Harley Lewis; secretary, April Ingram, Hillary Walters, Patrick Cliburn; advisor; SECOND ROW: Courtney Dunn, Rachel McDowell, Jennifer Gunn, Kelly Hembree, Kady Collier, Beth Richardson, Anne Stackel, Jennifer Clark, Rachel Mullen, Katie Anthony, Mandy Alello; THIRD ROW: Megan Parkman, Laura Guiles, Blair Norman, Bradley Charlesworth, Melissa Freyder, Ashley Perkins, Julie Indest, Ashley Cangelosi, Whit Meeks; BACK ROW: Ronnie Hebert, Lindsey Broadhead, Melissa Nick, Seth Gardner, Robert Veihman, Blayne Ward, Nichole Cyprian, Karen Waldhip, Kristal Pollard, Drew Etheridge, Jednette Johnson, Meghan Mitchell, Brian Tanner.



Election Commission

FRONT ROW: Comekiaa Garrett, Sara Nocholson, Thomas A. Hayes; executive director, Tansy Hall; election commissioner, Roselyn Ahua, Sharae Johnson; SECOND ROW: Nicole Lockhart, Maggie Wesley, DeAnta Lewis, Tiffany Clark, Tancey Elder, Deidra Bolton; BACK ROW: Stephanie Jones, Joshua Bird, JaRita Bookerm, John Clemmons, Steven Smith; Not Pictured: Jessica Olive, Karla Robinson, Rhona Boose.



CSA members pose for a picture during the Catholic Student Association Fall Retreat 2004. Submitted photo



CSA members singing karaoke together during the Catholic Student Association fall retreat 2004. Submitted photo



SpotLight

SpotLight Staff Story by Lakeshia Allen

College is not only about the adventure of learning, but also the challenge of getting individuals involved around campus. Southern Miss allows students to plan events for other students to offer a break from the stresses of school.

The University Activities Council has dedicated themselves to making college life fun for everyone. On Jan. 26, 2005, UAC sponsored a night of fun and adventure with the student body at Seymour's Grill.

"I came to this event to support my friend Shavonn Nowlin, the UAC President, and I happened to be the first round winner. They had some great prizes," said Jenesa B. Nelson.

A night of bingo gave many students a break and piece of mind. All together, there were 20 prizes given out through the night. A UAC member and MC for the night, Jeffery P. Wallace, Jr. said, "Free stuff is always fun to win, [and] UAC makes it fun to give away." The prizes varied from school and office supplies to items for room decor.

The second round winner was Lakeshia Allen, freshman microbiology major.

Sharonda Silliman said, "I felt lucky that round. Through Christ Jesus I can do all things."

Sarah Powell, freshman general studies major, won the fourth round prize of the night. "I try to live in the moment. I have more fun that way and that is what I did tonight," Powell said.

The game was played in many different styles and ways, ranging from the original way of four blocks to blackout.



Riceon Buckles, 20, freshman nursing major from Gulfport, is playing bingo at the UAC's bingo night. Photo by Kiet Le



Mindy Willett, freshman advertising major, gives Whit Meeks, sophomore international studies major from Pensacola, Fla., a basketball for winning bingo. "I've always wanted to play basketball, now I have the chance! Thank you UAC!" Photo by Kiet Le

Goal Tenders



FRONT ROW: LaKendria Milton, Aureesa Weatherspoon, LaKeisha Bryant, Crystal Kennard, LaDonna Brown, April Ingram, Lakeshia Allen, Tamra Jones, Stacey Hamilton; SECOND ROW: Kim Smith, Erica Goldman, Jamena B. Watson, Nettie Jenkins, Ashley Nicholson, Chelsey Smith; BACK ROW: Tonya Jenkins, Shun Lott, Jessica McKenzie, Karen Cornwell, Lyndsey S. Jalvia.

Child Life Student Association



Demetria Hudson, Tara Griffith, Ashley Orlich, Alicia Wurschmidt, Latoya Travis, Britney Mangum.

SpotLight

Story by Tanesha Craig

After coming back from the long semester break, UAC proved once again how successful they really are in having a good time on campus.

UAC put on their first pool and table tennis tournament dubbed the UAC sharks tournament. UAC Variety Committee chair, Robert Harris, junior criminal justice major said he quickly saw the growing interest in pool and table tennis around the campus.

"I noticed that whenever I would go to the UAC office, I would always see lots of people in the pool hall all the time," said Harris.

"Some come from class to play and shoot, while others just come to hang out," Harris said. Harris was responsible for creating the tournament bracket of games.

"For this tournament the theme is a race to three wins. The best Ping-Pong and pool player first to win three games moves to the next round, and so on...first, second, third, all get prizes," Harris said.

There was only one girl at the tournament, Jamila Spinks. Spinks, sophomore nursing major, truly exemplified girl power.

"I have been playing for three years now," Spinks said. "I like playing pool, it is one of my many hobbies."

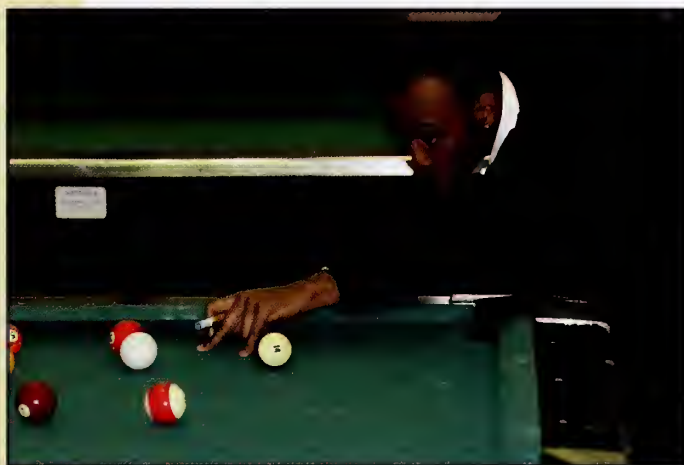
Before the competition, Spinks felt very confident. "I feel that I am a lot of competition and the guys need to watch out. UAC should have more pool events at least one every month," Spinks said.

"Being a member of the major entertainment committee in the UAC program, I am extremely excited about the great turnout tonight," said Lindsay Tatum, sophomore elementary education major.

"UAC's pool tournament was indeed a big success. I would definitely have to say that this was one of our most successful events yet. There are so many talented pool players," said Tatum.

Senior Scott Looney said, "I was here early, I helped Robert and the other UAC members get all the contestants together."

"I recently came in second place at a pool tournament; this made me eligible to attend a national competition in Tallahassee at Florida State University."



Jamila Spinks (top), 20, sophomore nursing major from Pearl. "I look like I can be on ESPN," Spinks said. "A true pool player." Photo by Greg Reeves

Adams Jones (above), 19, sophomore biology major from Florence, shooting pool at the UAC shark tournament. "I felt really good coming into the tournament, I made some really difficult shots and I was proud of myself." Photo by Greg Reeves

Union Advisory Board



FRONT ROW: Fran Jones; advisor, Lakeshia Allen, Casey Ziegler; SECOND ROW: Mark Carter; president, Dolly Loyd, Richard Thompskin, Taj Stewart, David Sartin, Cody Clark, Meghan Davis, Emily Howell; secretary, Jamie Kohut; NOT PICTURED: George Spinks, David Turner, Keith Hembree, Steve Smith, Courtney Fields, Casmus Simmons, David Brooking, O'Neil Hof, Jodi Cameron, Latoya Carter, Barbara Ross, Kathy Hayman, Joe Clark, Pat Foley.

Army ROTC



FRONT ROW: James Alexnader, Amanda Scoggin, Rachel Nix, Killer Farmer, Kevin Jones, Kimberly Bishop, Roderick Sykes; SECOND ROW: Ellis, Jerry Bowie, David Davenport, Jason Cross, John Taxe Ferrell; THIRD ROW: Dustin King, Quirogh, Darell Coffey, Clark; FOURTH ROW: SFC Cooper, Cadet Garrett, Cadet Muir, Cadet Langford, Cadet Jackson, Willcox; BACK ROW: Major R. Sybert, Cadet W. Tullos, Cadet A. Moore, Cadet R. McInnis, Cadet L. Russell, Cadet T. Dean, Cadet D. King, LTC. K. Dougherty.

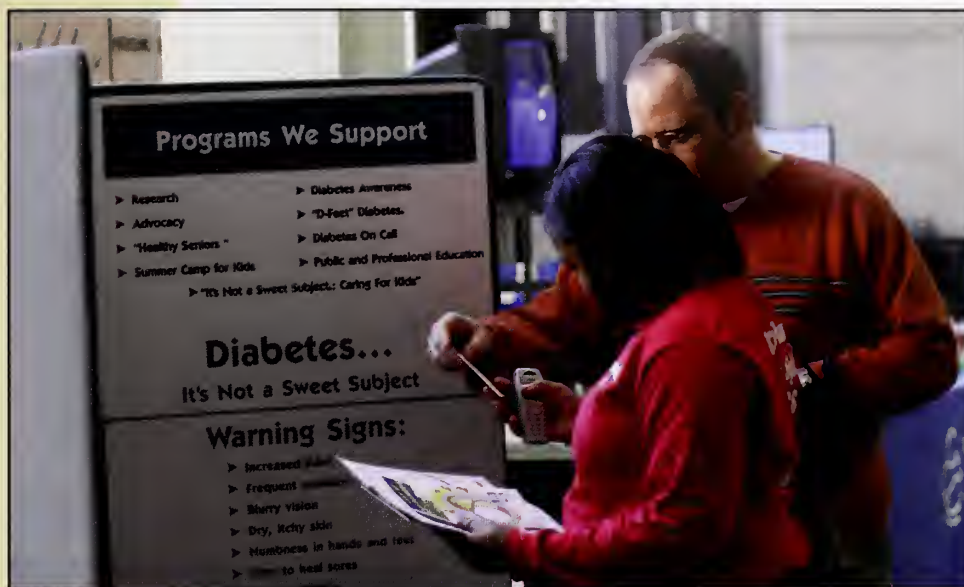
SpotLight

Story by Tiffani Brown

Southern Miss Civitan Club hosted its annual Health Fair, Friday Feb. 10 in the Union lobby. The health fair, which was also sponsored by the Civitan Club, was geared towards student, faculty and staff of Southern Miss. The event featured information and presentations on common illness, programs and services, including Student Health Services, Therapeutic Recreation, the Office of Community Service Learning, March of Dimes and Families First Children's Center. Some of the activities included free blood pressure screenings by student health services and also free HIV testing. There was a distribution of smart, sexy and smoke free rubber bands along with pamphlets on how to quit smoking.

The Office of Community Service Learning passed out a list of health related volunteer opportunities at the American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, Southern Care, Aseracare Hospice, Southerncare and United Blood Services. Southern Miss Recreational Sports and Fitness Assessment Center had their booth filled with brochures on their rates for personal fitness instructors and nutrition counseling. They also provide nutrition services for eating disorders, information on fad diets and supplements, counseling for weight management and instructions on making healthy choices on campus. Sharing information on the risks and prevention of premature child birth was March of Dimes, a foundation that strives to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. This foundation carries out their mission through programs of research, community services, education and advocacy to save babies' lives.

One of the main goals for the Civitan Club is to make students more aware of common illnesses and to understand the importance of getting tested through health fairs. From AIDS to high blood pressure to diabetes, the Civitan Club successfully supplied the knowledge of the risk and prevention of these and other illnesses. Melissa Carpenter, member of the Civitan Club said their ideas for the next health fair are to have a blood drive and also get more organizations involved along with more health related departments.



Amber Williams, sophomore broadcast journalism major from Memphis, Tenn., speaks with a representative from the American Diabetes Association. The American Diabetes Association was one of the participants in the health fair. Photo by Matikia Wilson

Dedrian J. McNulty, junior criminal justice major from Brookhaven, speaks with Sarah Dixon of the Office of Community Service Learning. McNulty gathers information about the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Mississippi. Photo by Matikia Wilson



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Greeks Giving Back

Philanthropies and Community Service

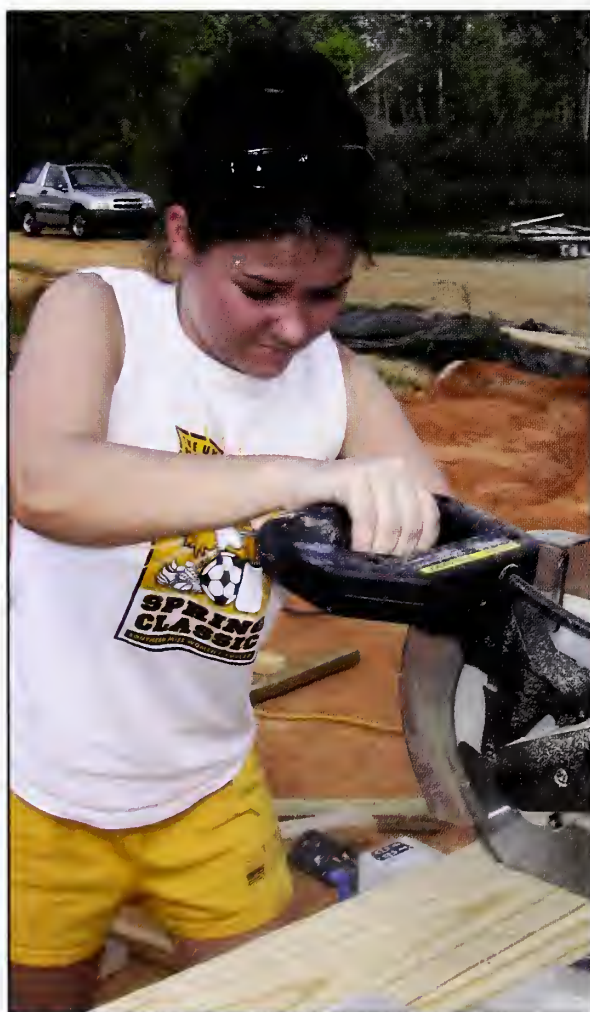
Story by Kristy McCoy

When you make the decision to join a Greek organization on campus, you join something that goes much deeper than just mixers and fraternity parties. You commit to community service, something of which we could all do a little more. Fundamentally, philanthropy is one of the main things Greek organizations were founded on. It is well known that Greeks on the Southern Miss campus are very community service oriented. Whether they are in Shoemaker Square collecting money or hanging up promotional signs, the Greek organizations can always be found giving back to the community. Different sororities and fraternities have philanthropies that they give support to nationally. In addition to this, most of the Greek organizations on campus give to philanthropic causes locally. For

instance, Alpha Delta Pi sorority gives to the Ronald McDonald House nationally; however, on the local level, they give to the Women's Abuse Shelter of Hattiesburg, said T.J. Lewis, Philanthropy chair of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

The Greek community service does not stop with CPC sororities. NPHC sororities have traditionally been giving to the community for several years. For instance, Zeta Phi Beta sorority supports the Stork's Nest National Project, benefiting unwed teen mothers by providing prenatal care. "Specifically in Hattiesburg, we support the local Blue and White Sleepout to benefit the Christian Services," said Danderia Walker, Zeta Phi Beta President.

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Amanda Santmeyer, a junior from the Hattiesburg area, represented Chi Omega at Habitat for Humanity's Greek Day. Photo by Janet Payne



Alpha Tau Omega held its annual haunted house during the week of Halloween. An ATO member does his best to make sure you have a very scary holiday. Photo by Matikia Wilson



The ladies of Kappa Delta held thier 3rd annual National Women's Friendship Day with an ice cream social. Alpha Kappa Alpha joined KD in the spirit of Greek unity. Submitted photo



The men of Omega Psi Phi provided women with a self-defense class. Gianni Reid, freshman biological science major, shows the audience how to protect yourself with a powerful punch. Photo by Sara Moxley

Greeks Giving Back

Philanthropies and community service

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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is yet another Greek leader on campus. The men of Alpha Phi Alpha participate in Alphas Performing Excellent Service Week in the fall and Mandingo Fest in the spring.

In addition to these local activities, Alpha Phi Alpha supports a national Go to High School/Go to College program which urges students to stay in school while also seeking higher education.

It is easy to see that Greeks are some of the leaders at Southern Miss. They represent high ideals and standards at the nationwide and local level.

Jennifer Moran of Chi Omega helps this cowboy take a break from a long day of fighting crime in the lone town of Hattiesburg during Trick or Treat on Greek Street. Photo by Matikia Wilson





Each year the ladies of Pi Beta Phi host arrow spike, a philanthropy event that supports Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts and the Staci Cochran-Davis Scholarship Fund. The ladies raised over \$4,000 this year. Submitted photo



Alpha Kappa Alpha Danyell Wells, (right) presents Forrest General nurses with thank you gifts for speaking at their Breast Cancer Awareness seminar. Photo by Matikia Wilson

The Art of Stepping

The background behind the rhythm

Story by Ayreal Brown

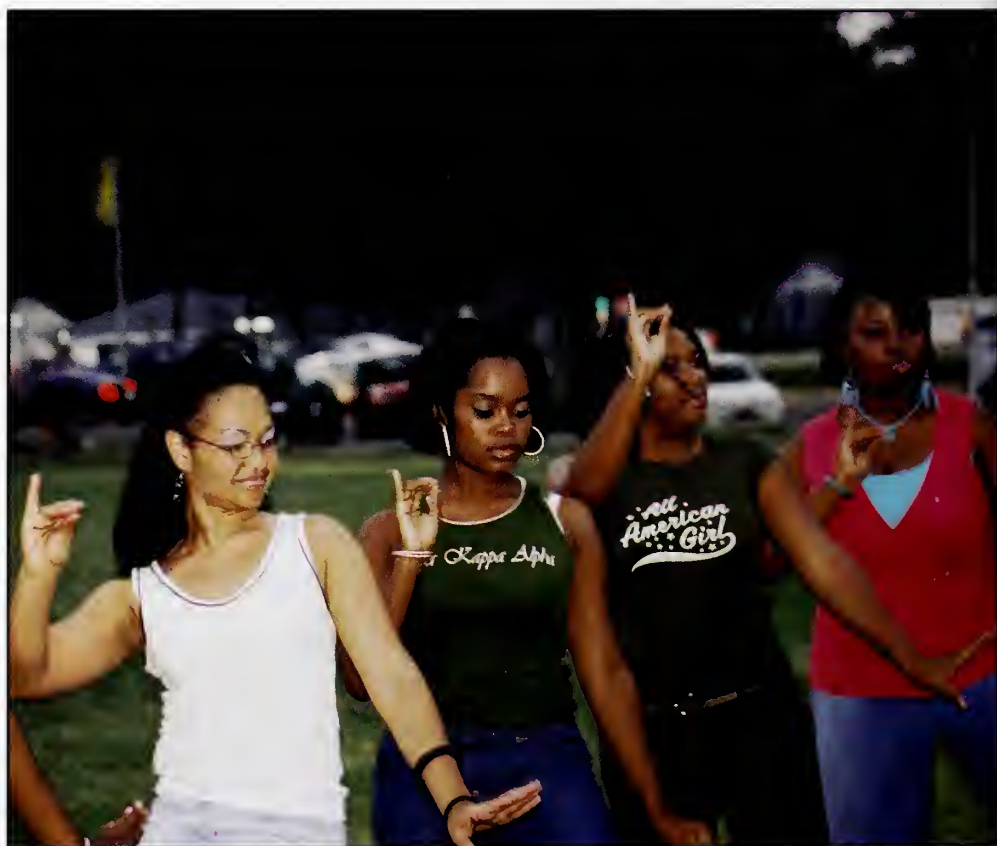
A hop contest or step-show is one of the most exciting events to ever hit a college campus. Students know that when the D.J. drops that beat and each fraternity and sorority sounds off it is show time. Although it looks like nothing more than students just having fun and goofing off, stepping- as it is called- is so much more than that. Stepping is a complex performance involving a synchronization of movement, singing, speaking, chanting and even some aspects of drama. Step-shows have become one of the primary venues for the different Greek organizations to express their identities. Stepping is an original art form that was influenced by many elements from our past. The stepping genre was originated by the historically black Greek lettered organizations but other cultures such as the Latinos, Asian Americans and other multi-cultural Greek lettered organizations now practice this method. Some in the Greek organizations may even go as far as to say that it is somewhat of an art form.

No one can really say which black Greek lettered organization is actually responsible for the origin of stepping.

It is thought to have originated when the Inter-Fraternity council met in 1922 in Washington D.C. It is believed that in between the business sessions and many social events some stepping of some type was

done mostly to impress women because sororities did not begin to step until some years after. Stepping really began to form a unique blend and style when the brothers would return from World War II and started to incorporate the different marching techniques that they had learned while serving in the military. The use of the cane also became prevalent in those times.

It takes a lot of time, sweat and energy to put on a good step-show performance. A routine that may last only five minutes may take days or even weeks to prepare for. Yet many in the Greek organizations say that it is well worth the effort. "Many students on campus visualize stepping as only entertainment but it is hard work, dedication, patience and commitment," said Jamesia Wilson, social work major. "As a member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority, I visualize stepping as a way to unite with my sisters. During step practice we learn from each other in a variety of aspects," Wilson said. Crystal Bates, senior broadcast journalism major said, "I believe that stepping brings us together as a sorority. As a member of Delta Sigma Theta, stepping helps us to showcase the unique culture of our sorority and heritage." Bates said that each sorority and fraternity has their own unique style and their passion for their organization shows while they perform.



Members of AKA demonstrate their strut during the NPCH Mock step-show. Photo by Jer-rick Rose



Delta Sigma Theta perform at Alpha Kappa Psi's hop contest in January. Photo by Matikia Wilson



Alpha Phi Alphas step in front of the Commons at 12:15pm during a hop contest. Photo by Matikia Wilson

The Office of Greek Life “the resources within”

Stories by Nichole Cyprian and Allison Sims

Photos by Kiet Le



John Burks

Assistant Dean of Students for Greek Life

John Burks is from Pascagoula, and graduated with his undergraduate and master's degree in speech communications from Southern Miss. Because being a part of the Greek community played a huge role in his undergraduate career, he found he wanted to give back to it and became a part of the Greek Life staff. "Greeks really care about this campus and give back to it in many ways, especially philanthropies," Burks said. "The organizations themselves have so much tradition and being able to be a part of that is amazing."



Erin Rust

Office Manager

Earning a bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising from Mississippi College for Women. Rust, a Starkville native, ventured to Mississippi State University, where she received a master's degree in counselor education and student affairs. Upon her arrival to Southern Miss, Rust acquired the position of office manager. She believes that the ultimate goal of the Greek life community is to promote an open and diverse environment to students, in order to help them find their niches.



Valencia R. Walls

Administrative Assistant

Hailing from Jackson, Walls received her undergraduate degree from Southern Miss in Child and Family Studies. During her senior year, she became NPHC President and after graduation, was offered the administrative assistant position. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in college student personnel. Valencia said that involvement in Greek Life is an positive experience that is geared toward the enhancement of leadership skills and campus involvement.



Matt Duckworth

Coordinator of Fraternity Housing

Originally from Clinton, Duckworth is a Southern Miss graduate with a degree in radio, television and film and broadcast journalism and a masters in public relations. According to Duckworth, "luck and destiny" played a part in his current position in the Southern Miss Office of Greek Life. He never thought he would end up as coordinator of fraternity housing. Duckworth said, "If you look, there is a place for everyone in the Greek community."

Week of Unity

National Pan-Hellenic Council Week

Story by Kathy Gilmore, Tangelia Bronson & LaKeshia Allen

Black Greek Week is known for the celebration of the union of the National Pan-Hellenic Council at their best. During the week, six different Greek organizations, Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma, came together and spread awareness of their respective organizations collectively. Display of pride for one's sorority or fraternity through chants and steps, skit competition and informative programs fill the week with fun events.

To ensure a great time on a full stomach, the annual NPHC picnic unites the students and the Greeks together. There is more than enough food, non-stop laughs and hop contests to keep the picnic going. "I love to see the Greeks perform all at once and dance to music," said Karen Cornwell, a junior accounting major.

According to John Burks, assistant dean of students for Greek life, "NPHC week provides an opportunity for the Southern Miss community to see the wonderful efforts put forth by our NPHC groups." NPHC week is also a chance for all of the Greeks to get together before everyone gets involved with their own agendas. "It is a good way to see the uniqueness of each fraternity and sorority," said Angela Coleman, a sophomore marketing major.

People come to see all of the Greek organizations work together in the same place. Valencia Walls, the NPHC advisor, and also a member of Zeta Phi Beta said, "NPHC allows the campus to see how the Greeks interact with one another."

Since the activities are at the beginning of the year, new students go to get a preview of what the Greeks will do for the year. "I came to see what Greek life is all about," said Jonathan

Pegues, a freshman communications major. "It's interesting. All of the Greeks dance together like a family."

"The festivities for NPHC are entertaining and give the students something to do. It allows everyone to socialize in a fun setting," said Melody Monroe, a junior nursing major. "The step show is the highlight of the week."

Among other events, the Black Comedy Tour is just another way to bring people together, more specifically through laughter. The Black Comedy tour made its annual appearance in Bennet Auditorium to fill the seats with people just waiting to be entertained by comedians Zooman and Benji Brown. Zooman touched on how music has such a different effect on the minds of blacks in the past as well as the present. Through comedian Benji Brown, also referred to as Keke, students heard humor covering important issues of the world and how close they hit to home. "The show was not only funny, but enlightening," said Jessica Gordon, a junior international business and Spanish major. "Zooman addressed the importance of setting a goal and not letting anything become a distraction to achieving it." When asked to compare this year's show from last year's, Alana Brooks, a sophomore elementary education major said that the tour definitely raised the bar.

Traditionally capping off the week, the step show was held at the Lake Terrace Convention Center. The host of this special event was Grill from BET's Comic View. A New York native, he travels around the world to be apart of several events. However the backbone of this event was DJ Sweat. He jammed before, during and after the event itself. He kept the crowd hyped and all of the sororities and fraternities strutting non-stop.



(above) The ladies and gentlemen of NPHC were able to dine in style at "Taste of Divine Nine." The dinner was hosted by the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta. Photo by Greg Reeves



The men of Kappa Alpha Psi began an new leadership program promoting safety among drivers around the nation. The men received a federal grant to help sponsor the program. Submitted photo



Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta show what Greek unity is all about during the NPHC's Mock Stepshow. Photo by Jerri-
rick Rose

National Pan-Hellenic Council

"A peek into the divine nine."

Story by Mary Beth Walker

The National Pan Hellenic Council is composed of nine Greek letter organizations, and eight of these have chapters at the University of Southern Mississippi. The NPHC chapters at Southern Miss are the Iota Kappa chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Mu Xi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the Mu Nu chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Lambda Theta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., the Kappa Iota chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., the Eta Tau chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., the Theta Eta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and the Nu Eta chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Barbara Ross, current Director of the Union and Student Activities, served as the Assistant Dean of Women and, later as, the Director of Greek Life during the time that all eight of the Southern Miss chapters of NPHC were founded between the years of 1975 and 1982. Ross noted, "at that time Greek system was thriving and the African-American student population growing so there was a great desire from the students for these organizations to charter at Southern Miss." Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was the first to charter in 1975. Seven of the other NPHC organizations chartered shortly after. Ross was excited about these Greek letter organizations coming to Southern Miss. She said, "NPHC helped break down barriers in the

Greek community, and students from different backgrounds and races began interacting in social situations as well as the classroom." NPHC gave students in the Greek community the opportunity for all to appreciate students from all backgrounds.

The NPHC at Southern Miss continues to uphold this mission in all that it does through its educational, economic, cultural and service activities. The activities sponsored by NPHC this year included the NPHC step-shows, several hop contests, the Essence College Tour, the NPHC Cook-Off, informational sessions for potential new members and a variety of educational sessions on topics of interest to its member organizations.

Valencia Walls currently advises the National Pan-Hellenic Council at Southern Miss. Walls became the advisor to the NPHC in August of 2004, and she recently received the Outstanding Advisor Award at the NPHC Southern Regional Conference in Atlanta. Other Southern Miss award winners at the conference were Richard Johnson who received the Outstanding President Award, Nikki Hopkins who received Outstanding Soror of the Year Award, Steve Smith who received the Outstanding Frater of the Year Award and the Southern Miss NPHC received the Outstanding Collegiate Council Award. NPHC continues to excel and be a vital part of student life at Southern Miss.



FRONT ROW: Catrice Stribling; secretary, Fallon Flowers; parliamentarian, Grace La'Fayth Allen; philanthropy chair; SECOND ROW: Valencia Walls; advisor, Larisa Virgil; treasurer, Teneicia Cole; vice president, CJ Collier; social chair, Robert Houston; public relations chair, Steven Smith; president. Submitted photo



Jeff Singleton; Kappa Alpha Psi, James Williams; Alpha Phi Alpha, Steve Randall; Kappa Alpha Psi, Darell Coffey; Omega Psi Phi, A'Lillian Grady and Jenesa Nelson; Zeta Phi Beta, Monjineh Springer and Marquita Green; Delta Sigma Theta and Duane Sheard, Phi Beta Sigma sit on the steps of Shoemaker Square. Photo by Matikia Wilson

Interfraternity Council

"enhances the opportunities."

Story by Christy Björk

The Interfraternity Council is self-governed by eight executive members that are elected annually. IFC include men from the following chapters: Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Tau, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu and Sigma Phi Epsilon. All of these chapters are committed to high standards and excellence at Southern Miss. With the help of IFC, fraternity life at the University is continually promoting achievement.

These standards include campus leadership, values, academic achievement, philanthropy, integrity and brotherhood. It is by these standards that the IFC has established such a strong foundation for Greek Life. Stephen Snell believes "the Interfraternal Council...enhances the opportunities while maintaining the importance of individualism and academics" (Minyan2004). By collaborating, these chapters have enhanced the University in many positive ways and are committed to improving the experience of college life. They strive to make the fraternity system perform as a community.

The IFC address many issues that are important to the fraternal community and strive to find highly effective solutions. They deal with topics such as risk management, alcohol awareness, community service, positive public relations and scholarship. IFC enforces

all policies and procedures implemented by the University in order to promote safety and well being to each fraternity. Most importantly, these gentlemen promote unity among the fraternities. It is evident that every chapter has an important role in impacting the fraternal community as well as the rest of the student body. In turn, it encourages positive growth for each chapter. "Sometimes it's hard, but we all try to come together as one and seek out what is best for the greek system as a whole, rather than our respective fraternities.

We do this because we want this system to be around for generations to come," said Trey Skaggs, IFC graduate assistant.

This council is responsible for all phases of recruitment, including Formal Recruitment in the fall. IFC Recruitment is held in late August or early September. Activities include a brief Recruitment Orientation session. The following day, an Opening Session is held during which time the potential new members can visit six fraternity houses. Each day after, they visit a fewer number of houses. During the final session, the potential new members will visit three preference houses. It is not until Bid Day, that they decide which fraternity they want to be a member of. Bid day is an exciting time for both the fraternity members as well as the IFC Council.



FRONT ROW: 2005 Charels Arinder; VP administrative affairs, Jamie Cruise; VP of public relations, Adam "Buck" Buckalew; VP recruitment, Chad King; president, Tommy Cullinan; VP philanthropy; Keith Hembree; VP risk management; SECOND ROW: 2004 Justin Ranger; VP risk mangangement, Stephen Snell; VP recruitment, Ricky Arcenau; VP philanthropy, Chris Walker, VP adminisitrative affairs, Chase Bryan; chief justice, John Burks; Assistant Dean of Students. Photo by Matikia Wilson



Brandon Thomas of Alpha Tau Omega sizes up his opponent, Daniel Guy of Kappa Sigma, during Kappa Sigma's annual baseball game as part of their Margaritaville festivities. Photo by Eugene Drake

College Panhellenic Council “working for the common good of all Greek women.”

Story by Tonya Jenkins

Greek life is very important to many students at the University of Southern Mississippi. Many see the programs put on by the Greeks yet very few see the people who help make it all possible. The College Panhellenic Council better known as “CPC” is the governing body for the eight sororities on campus. The executive board of the CPC is made up of Kelly Hollingsworth, president; Sara Bailey, vice-president; Erin Sheppard, risk management; Anna Brannin, philanthropies; Katie Shubert, public relations; Jennifer Beaver, administrative affairs; Lea Locke, recruitment and retention and Lauren Ward, programming.

Jennifer Beaver, a junior from Houston, became a executive member because she enjoyed working as an executive member of her sorority Pi Beta Phi. “I feel that CPC is a group of women working together to complete Greek life’s goal,” she said. Beaver also shared how CPC does not only do things for the empowerment of the Mississippi Alpha chapter of Pi Beta Phi, founded in 1867, but for the Greek community as a whole. The CPC also works to empower the Eta Zeta Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi, founded in 1851.

The CPC is also known for their motto which is similar to the one that Delta Gamma lives by. With the Anchor as a symbol, Delta Gamma is strongly rooted in the CPC. Chi Omega’s Epsilon Delta Chapter,

founded in 1895, with the motto of “Christian ideas and Hellenic culture” is also represented by the CPC along with the silver, gold and blue which represents the ladies of Delta Delta Delta. With projects such as Make-a-Wish and Song fest, CPC plays an active role in Chi Omega’s programming. Chi Omega’s President Lucy Ferguson thinks about the great retreat when she hears the words CPC. Ferguson, a junior and native of Woodville, remembers the fun times at the retreat and believes that CPC will be even stronger in the future with more spirit behind them.

The Zeta Psi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, Beta Sigma Chapter of Kappa Delta and Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Mu are also represented by the CPC. “It’s a loving community, huge family, that means Greek unity,” said Lamb. Although “We live for each other” is the motto of the azure blue and white girls of Alpha Delta Pi, it is also a great motto to use when talking about the CPC as a whole. CPC is a governing body that lives for one another and works for the common good of all Greek women at the University of Southern Mississippi. It strives not only for unity with the sororities, but is a beautiful, honorable council in which the University can count on to help enrich the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi.



FRONT ROW: 2004 Rebecca Burris; VP risk management, Katie Shubert; VP public relations, Lea Locke; VP recruitment and retention, Sara Bailey; VP scholarship, Ashley Holifield; president; SECOND ROW: 2005 Jennifer Beaver; VP administrative affairs, Anna Brannin; VP philanthropy, Lauren Ward; VP educational programming, Kelly Hollingsworth; president, Erin Sheppard; VP risk management; BACK ROW: 2004 Erin Bardwell; VP educational programming, Kimberly Adler; VP scholarship, Erin Rush; Greek life manger. Photo by King Photography



Sarah McGrath of Kappa Delta and Megan Stuard of Delta Delta Delta enjoy Shoemaker Plaza during a break between classes. Photo by Matikia Wilson

Kappa Alpha Theta

"Fraternity of first."

Story Margarita Votanco

Kappa Alpha Theta has called the University of Southern Miss home for almost seven years now. Each fall a new recruitment week ends, but marks the beginning of a wonderful new year full of community service, social events, new pledge classes, philanthropies, and best of all; sisterhood.

Our philanthropy is the Kicks for CASA kickball tournament. Every year this event allows the opportunity for all organizations on campus to come together and help raise money for Court Appointed Special Advocates. All proceeds go towards helping abused and neglected children find new and improved homes and families as quick as possible, before their childhood has passed. The money raised pays court fees and any other expenses that may delay that process in a regular setting.

Our traditional social events during the year include our fall party, Halloween bash, crush party, and Into the Mystic formal. A sisterhood retreat is planned every semester where the newly initiated members have a chance to truly bond with their new sisters through their new found knowledge of Theta sisterhood.

The joys of Kappa Alpha Theta sisterhood are even more profound while participating in other Greek organizations' philanthropies and group service projects through out the year.

Kappa Alpha Thetas Margarita Votano, Jamie Kohut and Melanie Winsper enjoy their date party. Submitted photo



Kappa Alpha Theta



FIRST ROW: Maegan Fortenberry, Mandy Lawrence, Megean Blackwelder, Jara Naquin; SECOND ROW: Stacy Lott, Sarah Hasler, Alison Payne, Allyson Liner, Keri Morgan, Becca Sears; THIRD ROW: Sam Fortenberry, Margarita Votano, Jennifer Mayo, Lucy Newman, Lisa Page, Ginger Weathers, Melanie Winsper, Meagon Kuhn; FOURTH ROW: Karin Ingebretsen, Jamie Lynn Kohut, Ashley Hanson, Bethany Dailey, Anna Brannin, Emily Gayton, Lesley Harrison, Katie Kneip. Photo by Matikia Wilson

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Seymour loves hanging out with Kappa Alpha Thetas Lucy Newman, Stacey Lott, Ginger Weathers, Karin Ingebretsen, Jennifer Mayo, Jamie Kohut, Katie Kneip, Sarah Hasler, Lesley Harrison, Jara Naquin, Lisa Page, Mandy Lawrence, Alison Payne, Lauren McDonald and Margarita Votano, in The District before a football game. Submitted photo

Sigma Gamma Rho

"Greater service, greater progress"

Story by TaWanda M. Baker

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., was organized on Nov. 12, 1922, in Indianapolis, by seven school teachers. The group became an incorporated national collegiate sorority on Dec. 30, 1929, when a charter was granted to Alpha chapter at Butler University.

From seven young teachers, Sigma Gamma Rho has become an international service organization comprised of women from every profession. Sigma Gamma Rho offers its members opportunities to develop their unique talents through leadership training and involvement in sorority activities.

In a time when education for African Americans was difficult to attain, the founders of Sigma Gamma Rho became educators. They believed that the self-respect, knowledge and discipline gained through study would help individuals to recognize their duty and responsibility for their society.

Sigma Gamma Rho's commitment to service is expressed in its slogan, "Greater Service, Greater Progress." National projects include Operation Big Book Bag, Wee Savers, Project Reassurance, Habitat for Humanity, Project Africa and Project Mwanamugimu. Through active participation in programs and through networking with other organizations such as the National Council of Negro Women, Urban League and the NAACP, Sigma's legacy of service to improve the quality of life for all mankind continues.

Selina Marie Long and TaWanda Monique Barker show some love for Sigma Gamma Rho between their classes. Photo by Greg Reeves



Sigma Gamma Rho members show their board to potential members at a NPHC sorority informational. Submitted photo by Sigma Gamma Rho

Sigma Gamma Rho



Selina Marie Long, Margo Lanett Green, Angel Chanel Addison, TaWanda Monique Barker. photo by Greg Reeves

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Chi Omega

"Christian ideals and hellenic culture."

Story by April Ivins

Throughout Chi Omega's long and proud history at the University of Southern Mississippi, its six purposes have helped to enrich its members with unequalled opportunities for personal growth and development.

The cherished purposes of friendship, high standards of personnel, scholarship, participation in campus activities, career development and community service are values each Chi Omega woman embodies.

Epsilon Delta takes pride in fostering young women who are loveable ladies that strive to be in all things democratic rather than exclusive. On the Southern Miss campus, Chi Omega's can be seen participating in numerous organizations including SGA, Dixie Darlings, Southern Misses, Cheerleaders, Diamond Darlings, Southerner staff, Orientation Leaders, Southern Style and several Greek honor and professional societies.

Each year, Chi Omega holds Songfest, a choral competition between Greek organizations on campus, to benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

This 53-year philanthropy event is the longest

Greek event on the Southern Miss campus. In 2003, Chi Omega raised over \$12,000 to grant wishes for young children with life threatening illnesses. Chi Omega Fraternity values individuals for who they are and strives to make them well-rounded ladies for the future. Lucy Ferguson, Chi Omega treasurer, said, "I have become a better person being a Chi Omega because I have learned to appreciate each fond memory that I have made in this sisterhood.

I have also learned to value the morals and standards that Chi Omega has encouraged me to embrace." Ashely Cangelosi, a new member of Chi Omega, said, "At first, I was skeptical about joining a sorority because I was afraid they would want me to become someone different.

Chi Omega has embraced my talents and encouraged me to become the best young lady that I can be." It is because of these reasons and more that Chi Omega, the largest women's fraternal organization in the country, will continue to touch the hearts of its members as well as the Southern Miss community.



Chi Omega



Adrienne Pylant, Amanda Darnell, Ashley Barrient, Ashley Cangelosi, Ashley Grant, Brandy Strickland, Brittany Bridges, Claire Richardson, Dana Woodcock, Erin Miller, Haley Hilton, Holly Pace, Jennifer Gunn, Jessica Sanders, Kathryn Bush, Katie Barnett, Katie Fuller, Katie Robison, Kelley Estes, Kim Belsom, Libby Gantt, Mallori McBride, Megan Sheets, Meghann Tabor, Michelle Leland, Niki Gatlin, Rachel James, Rebeka Barclay, Sarah Young, Wren Ward, Abby Case, Amanda Henley, Amanda Santmeyer, Amy Johnson, Amy Sims, Andrea Graham, Anna Powe, April Ivins, April Squires, Ashlea Leggett, Ashley Faggard, Barbie Graves, Brandi Knott, Brett Berry, Brooke Bernamonti, Calla Gibson, Carley White, Charli Wilson, Chelsea Newman, Deane Pierce, Elise Warren, Emily Drye, Erica Bennett, Erin Bardwell, Erin Lambert, Greta Hill, Haley Stiglets, Jackie Baxter, Janet Payne, Jennifer Gee, Jennifer Jones, Jennifer Lahuta, Jennifer Matthews, Jennifer Moran, Julie Brant, Julie Sheridan, Kathryn Gray, Katie Carr, Katie Harris, Katie McShane, Kelli Stewart, Kelly Quint, Kristen Neal, Lauren Ward, Lauren White, Leah Balzon, Leanna Rogers, Lela Vogt, Lesley Hurst, Leslie Estes, Leslie Tynes, Lindsay Price, Luci Moore, Lucy Ferguson, Megan Devereaux, Megan Lee, Melanie Keene, Melissa Puckett, Michelle Bustin, Molly Grubbs, Nicole Anding, Rachel Odom, Sara Bailey, Stefanie Lance, Terri Wolfe



Senior member of Chi Omega during recruitment. The ladies gave an ode to Hollywood. Submitted photo



The ladies of Chi Omega outside of their national headquarters during their sisterhood retreat in Memphis, Tenn.



New Chi Omega members at Kappa Sigma's annual philanthropy Margaritaville. The new members were on hand to cheer on their team. Chi Omega supports many of the philanthropies in the Greek community. Submitted photo

Zeta Phi Beta

“A community of conscious, action oriented organization.”

Story by Jamesia Wilson

The Exquisite Ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. continue to uphold the high standards of Finer Womanhood by reaching out to the community.

As a “Community Conscience, Action-Oriented Organization,” they present many national and local projects. Zeta’s national philanthropy consists of Stork’s Nest which is an affiliate of March of Dimes and Zetas Helping Other People Excel Body, Mind and Spirit.

The Stork’s Nest Program is designed to promote prenatal care participation and healthy behaviors during the pregnancy through incentives and education.

Z-HOPE’s purpose is to outreach to five specific populations: women, youth, seniors, men, and international women while stressing the importance of developing a healthy lifestyle.

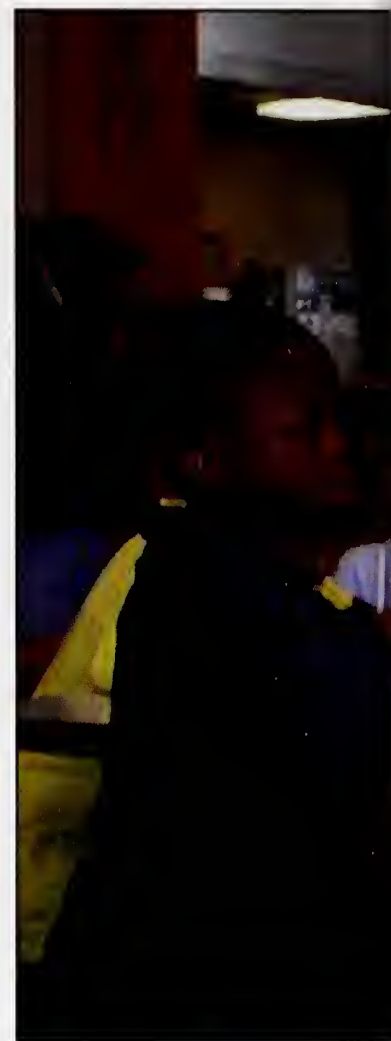
The Lambda Theta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta’s local philanthropy consists of the Annual Blue and

White Sleepout, which involves sleeping on Weathersby Lawn to raise funds for Christian Services.

Other local philanthropies consist of doing volunteer work with the Salvation Army, the Muscular Dystrophy Association telethon, Mississippi Department of Transportation, Aldersgate, PACE Head Start, Palmer’s Crossing, Annual Canned Food Drive and Voter Registration Drives with Phi Beta Sigma.

Sisterhood, according to Zeta Phi Beta, is a life-long bond that a group of women passes through joyful times and tribulations. Regardless of the day, time or hour, no sister’s burden is too heavy to carry.

The ladies of Zeta Phi Beta are a family which shares love for one another that is true. This love is so deeply embedded within their hearts that it can never be duplicated or fabricated.

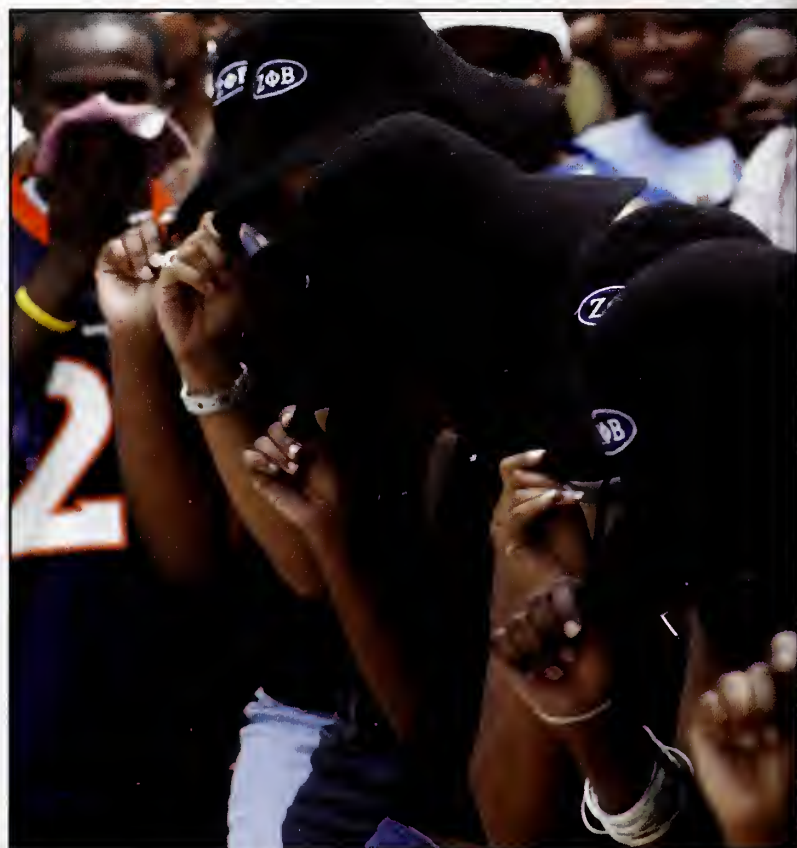


Zeta Phi Beta



Deborah Walker, Sharnett Cheeks, Tiffany GHL, Onella Thompson, Gaila Farris, Terita Kidd, Breneda Alford, Jenessa Nelson, Yolanda Stewart, Patsy Flowers, Margalee Jones, Mica Moysa, Hilah Pinnix, Tyeshia Brooks, Latashia Johnson, Yolanda Jones, Tawny Trammeter, Jewetta Williams, Aileen Crady, Kim Carter

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Zetas perform during Kappa Alpha Psi's hop contest, the first one of the school year. Submitted photo



Grace Allen quizzes a student at the Boys and Girls Club during Zeta's annual Z-hope Week. Submitted photo



Chapter church is a monthly event for Zeta Phi Beta. This month they attended West Point Baptist Church. Submitted photo

Delta Delta Delta

"Let us steadfastly love one another."

Story by Erin Sheppard

An esteemed organization, Delta Delta Delta encompasses a variation of events and activities year round. Having representatives involved in the Student Government Association, national honor societies, Dixie Darlings; Southern Misses; cheerleading, Southern Style, the Legacy and homecoming court. These members demonstrate the multifaceted nature of the triangle called Tri Delta.

Annually, the members of Tri Delta host a softball tournament called Frats-at-bat that nationally benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., as well as locally supporting the University Medical

Center in Jackson.

This past year, a group of Tri Deltas had the opportunity to travel to St. Jude and witness the direct impact from the organization on the lives of these children and their families.

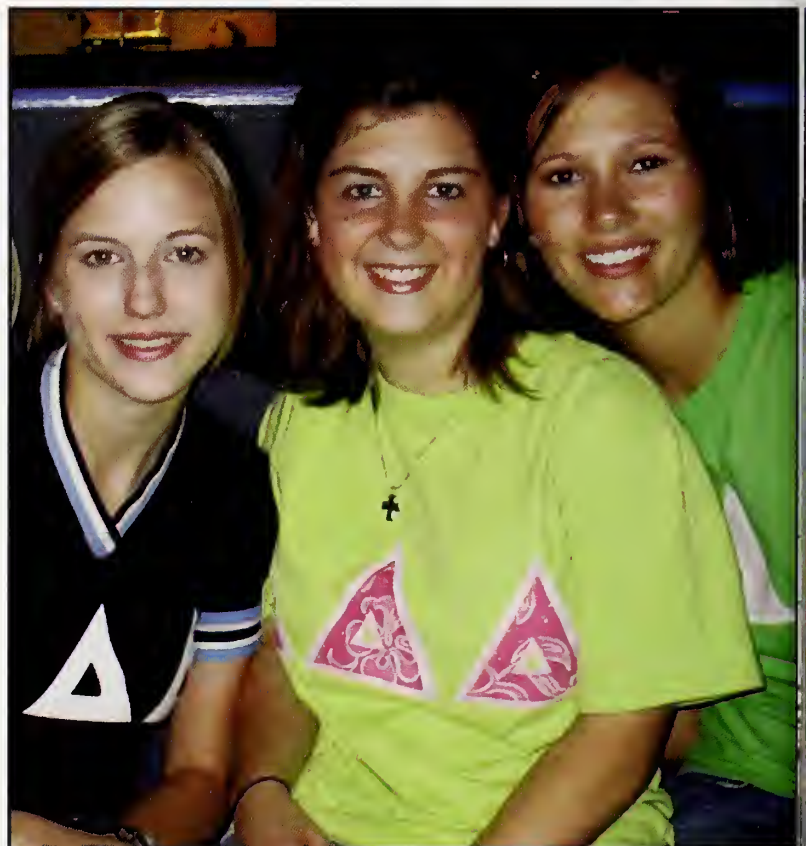
The active members of Tri Delta also submerge themselves into other activities including: Founders Day, Parents Picnic, Pansy Pops for our seniors, sisterhood retreats, date parties and swaps. It is through Tri Delta that the each member creates unforgettable memories and establishes cherished friendships.



Delta Delta Delta



Laura Bennett, Laci Burris, Rebecca Burris, Sarah Clark, Shellie Covington, Candace Doherty, Margaret Ellzey, Melissa Engle, Lacey Fortenberry, Allison Gouaux, Gina Green, Meg Guest, Haley Hankins, Mallory Haynes, Kim Helton, Margie Heltzel, Amy Herrin, Kellen Higginbotham, Amy Marslender, Lindsey Mayhall, Jessica McNellage, Kelsey Meeks, Kristen Mitchell, Druhan Moreland, Stephanie Napier, Mary Paige Saliba, Katie Scianna, Anna Serpente, Allison Sims, Anna Smith, Amber Wadsworth, Whitney Wallace, Mellisa Walls, Karla Anderson, Lauren Bagley, Amara Beech, Amanda Box, Meredith Bucher, Bridget Burdardner, Ashley Carpenter, Rebecca Chandler, Jennifer Cornette, Megan Evans, Lauren Forte, Rachel Franks, Anna Gaston, Molly Gill, Gia Gouaux, Brooke Graves, Lauren Horne, Melinda Jett, Caroline Kingsdorf, Kim Kirkpatrick, Sydney Krhut, Alica Lane, Aren Lasseinge, Kendall Levens, Samantha Markland, Lauren McDougald, Andrea McLelland, Meaghan Mitchell, Veronica Moreno, Christian Murphy, Christen Palmer, Ashley Perkins, Jamie Rawlins, Ashley Robichaux, Kate Robison, Casey Schexnaildre, Erin Sheppard, Karla Skjoldager, Lauren Smith, Kelly Sprague, Stephanie Stamps, Miranda Street, Megan Stuard, Brittny Swain, Sommer Thornton, Karen Waldrup, Mary Wall, Jessica Walz, Kristen Waters, Patrice Wilber, Megan Wilkinson, Cate Williams, Allie Williamson, Cassie Ziegler, Christian Zeiman.



Anna Smith, Allison Sims and Kim Helton at the Tri Delt / Kappa Alpha Psi second annual skate party. Submitted photo



Anna Serpente, Lacey Fortenberry and Kelsey Meeks prepare for a night on the town. Submitted photo



Caroline Kingsdorf, Rebecca Burris, Christina Murphy, Kellen Higgenbotham and Erin Sheppard celebrate after initiation. Submitted photo

Alpha Kappa Alpha

"By merit and by culture."

Story by Orisha Brown

In 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority became America's first Greek-letter organization established by and for African American college women. Alpha Kappa Alpha has become the channel through which college trained women improve the socioeconomic conditions in their city, state, nation and world. On April 12, 1975, the Iota Kappa Chapter was the first Black Greek Letter Organization chartered on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi.

The Iota Kappa Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority believes in the being "supreme in service to all mankind."

Education, health, the Black family, economic empowerment and the arts are our five national target areas in which the ladies implement various educational

programs for the campus and the community.

The chapter's determination has blessed the members to assist with various causes including the American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, NAACP, Breast Cancer Awareness, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Foundation and other national and local organizations.

The most distinguished women who began this legacy sought to establish an organization that was dedicated to the uplifting of the community in addition to the grand ideals of service, scholarship and sisterhood. The Iota Kappa Chapter exemplifies the spirit of philanthropy by executing various community service projects.



Alpha Kappa Alpha



FRONT ROW: Christie Herrington, Latessa Minor, Rhonda Jordan, Sophia Robinson, Danyell Wells, Paula Murriel, Catrice Stribling, Tameka McIntyre, Karen Fielder, Tsega Alemu, Latoria Green, Cynthia Jones; SECOND ROW: Orisha Brown, Tanita L. Barial, Kalisheah Okhomina, Jessica Reggans, Sharae Johnson, Stephanie Holloway, Romika Bridges, Catherine Bradley, Ceneia Jeffere, Monika Dancy, Alexis McMiller, Sarah Heidelberg; THIRD ROW: Camie White, Tyangli Bracey, Alisia Spinks, Carol Manning, Tansy Hall; BACK ROW: Courtney Grissett, Bianca Frederick, Kasey House, Latoia Vega, Tiffany Bonds

AKA



AKA hosted a Breast Cancer Awareness seminar in their chapter room. The event was preceded with refreshments in their lobby. Photo by Matikia Wilson



During the NPHC Mock Stephow, Greek organizations give each other a preview of the year to come. Photo by Jerrick Rose



Sorors enjoy hanging out in Shoemaker Square during their off hours. Submitted photo

Delta Gamma

"Do Good."

Story by Maggie Wesley

Delta Gamma, or less formally known as Dee Gee, is a group of women who share good times, bad times and a bond of sisterhood that is there through both.

Delta Gamma fosters the high ideals of good scholarship, good character and service to others through events such as Anchor Splash, Golden Anchor and the support and encouragement for each other.

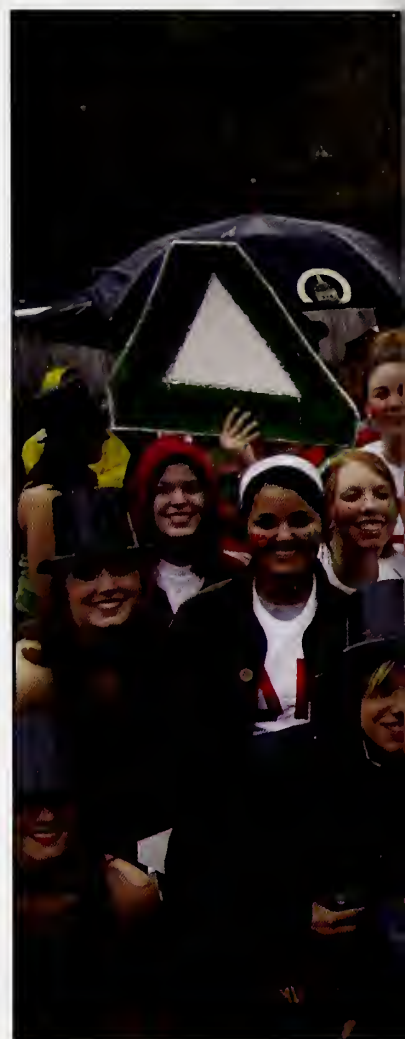
In order to raise money for their national philanthropy, Service for Sight, Delta Gamma holds its annual Anchor Splash week. It is a week that begins with King Neptune, a fraternity dance competition, then collects eye glasses for the Lions Club and Campbell's soup labels for schools for the blind. The week concludes with water relay races and a synchronized swimming competition in the Southern Miss Natatorium.

Golden Anchor, a program where Dee Gee's work with residents of Wesley Manor, an assisted living complex, is another one of their foundation projects.

Delta Gamma also participates in other community services like the Walk for Diabetes and reading to local schools and day cares.

Sisterhood events like trips to Ship Island, movie nights, swaps from togas to cops and robbers and parties like my tie an anchor ball are all ways they have fun together and bond as sisters. As one can probably tell, Dee Gee is a lot of things. It is sisters, it is fun, it is service, it is friends encouraging friends to be the best person they can be.

Above all, being a member of Delta Gamma is a bond that is stronger than anyone can describe. It lifts each individual to their highest potential and surrounds them with constant love and support in the process.



Delta Gamma



FRONT ROW: Emily Bownman, Jen Phillips, Jill Ferguson, Robin Smith, Jenny Panquerne, Anna Smith, Lindsey Shannon, Lauren Lestvemau, Jessie Lang; SECOND ROW: Maggie Wesley, Sara Sullivan, Leah Grahton, Ashley Hollifield, Casey Carden, Lauren Serrett, Ana Golden; THIRD ROW: Jac Hemmingway, Jordan Hailey, Sharley Mills, Joanna Ott, Kellie Watkins, Amber Payne, Amber Larimore, Allison Applewhite, Tiffany Huyh, Erin Anderson, Hannah Williams, Nikki Scariono, Jennie Clement, Katie Willis, Ashley Jenkins, Ashley Verveen, Jill Callahan; FOURTH ROW: Erin Gilbert, Lauren Presley, Dondi DeAngelo, Melissa Bishop, Lea Locke, Kaitlin Ziz, Beth Cochran, Christen Hartley, Jen Holmes, Terah Henderson, Alex Peter, Courtney Dunn, Kendall Cooper, Karen Allred, Rachel Seal; FIFTH ROW: Liz Herrington, Carrie Foltz, Nell Cohen, Wendy Spell, Brandi Hattenstein, Lauren Moore, Michelle Murray, Mary Catherine Harrison, Kelly Lewis, Ginger Vowell, Brittany Ready, Taryn McMellon, Erin Parker, Lindsy Boulette, Angela Dobbe, Vanessa Brown, Emily Vincent, Erica Charlesworth, Haley Lewis; BACK ROW: Ashleigh Simmons, Kelli Keough, Brandi Manion, Roz Ricards, Allison Wellborne, Oliva Cox, Lindsey Cowart, Rebecca Burris, Andrea Cain, Laura Watson, Adrienne Hinton, Sara Nicholson, Kathleen LeNoir, Kathryn Hastings, Mary Frances Wilkes, Mandy Roberts, Christina Hughes, Ginny Sims, McAlister Marshall, Rachel Newton.



Are these rock stars or the ladies of Delta Gamma? These gorgeous gals take time out for a quick snapshot before a night out of strutting their stuff. Submitted photo



Even during the chaos of Margaritaville, the ladies of Delta Gamma are able to gather for a picture. Through rain or shine, the girls are always smiling. Submitted photo



Taryn McMellon, Brittany Ready, Tiffany Huynh, and Angela Dobbe patiently wait for their dates from Sigma Chi before the toga swap. Toga swap was one of the many swaps that Delta Gamma participated in. Submitted photo

Delta Sigma Theta

"Intelligence is the torch of wisdom."

Story by Tangela Patterson

The Mu Nu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was admirably conceived on July 27, 1975 on the University of Southern Mississippi campus. Since their charter, the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta have upheld their principles of scholarship, sisterhood and service by raising the bar through community servitude, philanthropy and campus leadership.

Educational development and political awareness and involvement are just some of the specific target areas in which the sorority emphasizes and are the maps that Delta Sigma Theta pursues each year to achieve

its noble charisma.

The ladies strive every year to devote their talent and skill to the community. The chapter has adopted PACE Headstart for community service and has also worked with the Boy's and Girl's Club.

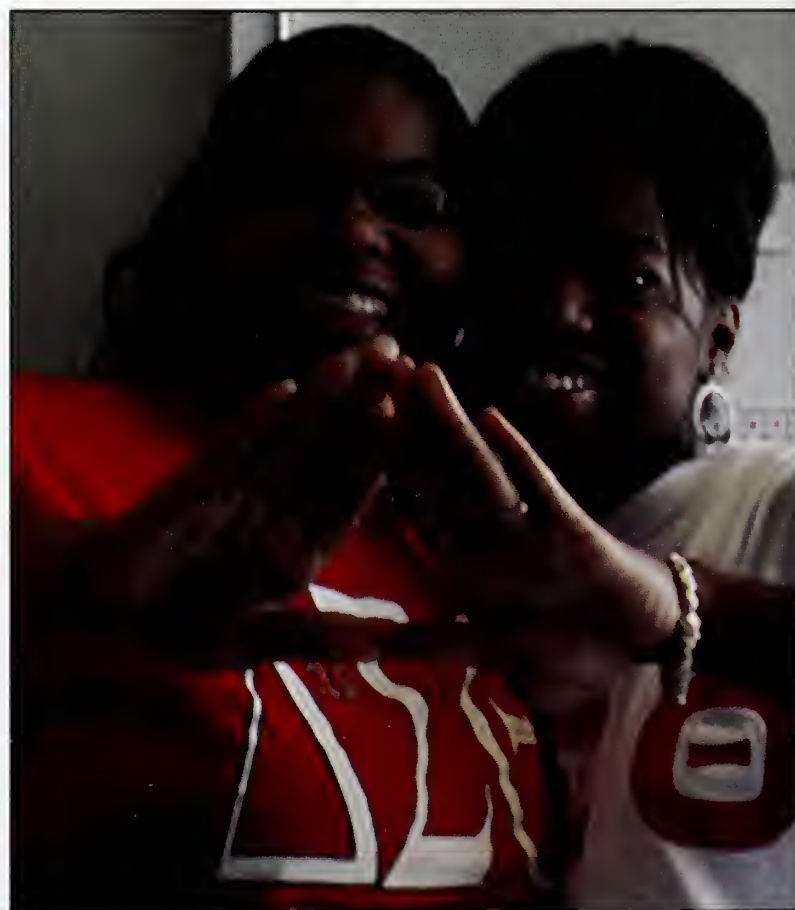
This program helps students to relax and ease the stress of exams. The ladies of the Mu Nu Chapter make every effort to present quality programming for the student body. By reaching out and making a difference, the sorors of Delta Sigma Theta exemplify the meaning of being leaders as well as trailblazers.



Delta Sigma Theta



FRONT ROW Tamisha Strode, Emma Larke, Crystal Fields, Marquita Shavers, Ebony Berry, Raven W. Wallace, Jawanner L. Winding, Pamela K. Scott, LaKeisha Bryant, Tiffany Williams, SECOND ROW Candi R. Johnson, Jessica L. Matthews, Angela D. Gearing, Jennifer M. Lott, Alexis D. Rayford, Delandra D. Mickens, Dena S. Benson, Shondra Duncan, Tiffany Hannah, Marquita Green, Carmen Lewis, Tyronda L. Phillips, Carolyn J. Brooks, Elvynita Martin, LaShonda Holman, BACK ROW Katrina Jones, Ebony Clay, Ayana Hudson, Aspen Hardges, Larisa Virgil, Tangela Patterson, Rosalind B. Newsom, Larisa Virgil, Crystal Thomas, Monique Springer, Roshunda Mounier, Alecia Parker, Krystal Bates



Gloria Ball and Larisa Virgil take time out of their busy schedule to pose for the camera. Submitted Photo



Maquita Shavers, Tiffany Hannah and LaKesha Bryant flash their letters before serving their contribution to the Taste the Divine Nine, during National Pan-Hellenic Council Week. Photo by Eugene Drake



Eboney Berry, Jawan-ner Winding, Candi Johnson, Monjineah Springer, Raven W. Wallace, Marquita Green, Tameshia Strode, and Quenesha Thomas strut their stuff at the annual stepshow in front of the Commons. This year's show was quite spectacular full of new, dynamic moves. Submitted photo

Pi Beta Phi

"Angels in disguise."

Story by Tiffany Bird

One comes into Pi Beta Phi as a girl and leaves as a woman. This sorority teaches responsibility and most importantly work ethics. Every person in the sorority has a purpose. Every one is responsible for a certain job: planning events, mentoring, choreography, treasury, feedback, tutoring and much more.

Even though the ladies share a special bond, they are all still individuals. In being a part of something so big, they all learn to work together with different people for a common goal.

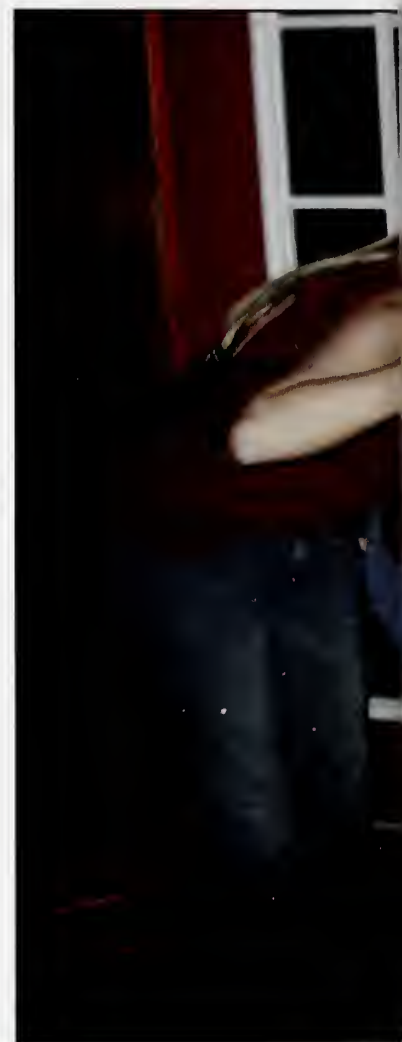
Another wonderful aspect of Pi Beta Phi is enrichment. In fact, many of the members are involved in a variety of organizations and extracurricular activities. The ladies show support for each other by attending art shows, dance concerts, campaigns, and rugby games.

Also, the ladies influence each other to do and go places that they have never done or gone before.

Individually, the members of Pi Beta Phi have all become better-rounded people for sharing in these experiences.

Pi Beta Phi considers the words of Barbara Alpert to be words of wisdom. "She is your mirror, shining back at you with a world of possibilities. She is your witness, who sees you at your worst and best, and loves you anyway. She is your partner in crime, your midnight companion, and someone who knows when you are smiling, even in the dark. She is your teacher, your defense attorney, your personal press agent, and even your shrink. She is your sister."

Ultimately, the ladies of Pi Beta Phi can always look to their sisters for comfort. As a sorority, each sister is devoted to caring for the organization and its members. Whether it is searching for costumes for a swap or offering a ride to work, the ladies of Pi Beta Phi are always making memories.



Pi Beta Phi



FRONT ROW: Rebecca Strickland, Chasity Braswell, Kelly Cantrell, Alicia Peck, Maggie Wegmann, Shelly Ritter, Erica Sharfenstein, Misty Summers, Tiffany Bird, Bethany Emory, April Bullock, Kristen Lowe, Natalie Cavalier; SECOND ROW: Melissa Stanford, Tara Firth, Melissa Holtz, Anna Overstreet, Kady Collier, Corrine Katengal, Carrie Tilley, Ashley Posey, Alex Kerwin, Lindsey Jo Lorio, Gabby Brown; THIRD ROW: Tiffany Pigott, Yvette Abadie, Liz Roper, Julianna Allen, Anna Dodge, Beth Scanlan, Desiree Gant, Miriam Ladner, Jennifer Beaver; FOURTH ROW: Ashley Simmons, Lauren Anderson, Liz Maestry, Jennifer Frugo, Jordan Ladner, Stephanie Owen, Jamie Succerman, Kim Huynh, Nicole Ledet, Samantha Anstead, Michelle D'Amico, Laurie Foreman, Ariel Gardner, Desiree Bird; BACK ROW: Emily Vincent, Katie Kensinger, Melissa King, Sarah Holloman, Marlyn Otero, Megan Anderson, Molly Miller, Meagan Lebrano, Paige Bennett, Marrissa Fitzmorris, Kristen Clay, Angela Casale, Jackie Sullivan, Gretchin Lee, Lindsey Knox, Alexis Ellis, Brittany Sparks, Virginia Hollingsworth, Mallorie Davis, Brandi Ferrer, Margaret Emery, Natalie Hickman, Sarah Grennan, Sarah Pankiewicz, Crystal Smith.



It's always an exciting time for the rookies to meet their big sisters. Showing their angelic faces and spirit wings, these ladies show the love of true sisters. Submitted photo



The ladies of Pi Beta Phi showing thier muscles and having good clean fun at their fall party. Submitted Photo



Members of Pi Beta Phi at a philanthropy event. Pi Beta Phi supports many causes also supported by the Greek community. Submitted photo

Kappa Delta

“Let us strive for that which is honorable, beautiful and highest.”

Story by Joanna Gaston

This year Kappa Delta celebrates 56 years of being on the Southern Miss campus. Throughout the years Kappa Deltas have dedicated themselves to charitable and benevolent events to strengthen the campus and community.

In supporting five national philanthropies, Kappa Delta has found a certain strength in its sisterhood by dedicating time and work into improving and promoting these worthy causes.

The main philanthropy is Prevent Child Abuse America. Each March, Kappa Delta hosts a 5K Fun Run on the Southern Miss campus. This year there was a record turnout and the donation to PCAA reflected that as well. Kappa Delta raised over \$13,500 for PCAA with 80 percent of proceeds staying in Hattiesburg and 20 percent given to national PCAA.

Prior to the 5K Fun Run, Kappa Delta put on a

Beauty Review for any Southern Miss student interested in participating. The pageant was an old tradition that was recently revived by Kappa Delta and has since continued its fourth year.

Giving time to other organizations has made this chapter into what it is today, a chapter that seeks purpose not in its accomplishments, but in giving back to others what has been so graciously given to them.

Kappa Delta's steadfast attitude to helping others is two-fold. While others benefit from our philanthropic efforts, Kappa Delta's sisterhood can withstand the toughest circumstances.

From the best to the worst conditions, every member seems to always find a positive aspect in any situation by finding comfort in their sisters. For every race there is a finish line and Kappa Deltas can hold strong to the fact that they will never run to it alone.



Kappa Delta



Each year the girl scouts visit the Kappa Deltas for trick-or-treating in Panhellenic. Carrie Gray plays with a girl dressed as a witch fairy. **Submitted photo**



The ladies of Kappa Delta meet singer Arron Neville on their outing to the movie premiere of *Ray* in New Orleans. Submitted photo



The ladies of Kappa Delta get together at their tent in The District for tailgating on a Saturday afternoon. This time honored tradition has gone on for years and the ladies of Kappa Delta help carry it through. Submitted photo

Gamma Rho Chi

Guidance for a life long decision

Story by Kristy McCoy



On August 17, 2004, one of the many annual Southern Miss traditions was carried out, sorority bid day.

Each year the Greek women on campus move into their housing two weeks early, go through rigorous days of practice, workshops, parties and mixers filled with chants and conversation just to reach the finale, bid day. This year was no exception.

Kicking off bid day celebrations this year was the revelation of the Gamma Rho Chi's as recruitment counselors. Recruitment counselors are required to spend the week prior to recruitment and during the actual recruitment week living with the potential new members by counseling them during the events.

Each Gamma Rho Chi is a member of a College Panhellenic Counsel Sorority on campus and has disaffiliated from her chapter in order to not hold a bias. On bid day, the women gathered in the Freshman Quad and each Gamma Rho Chi member revealed their

sorority affiliation. Directly following this, the women signed their bids and ran to Panhellenic where they were greeted by cheers and smiles from the active members of each chapter.

For all parties involved, bid day brought about mixed emotions. As for the Gamma Rho Chi's, it was bittersweet. Though they were separated from their sisters for an entire summer, they made great friendships in the process.

For the active chapter members bid day was a joyous reward for a job well done and a summer full of hard work in preparation for one long week. According to Anne Petty, a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, "Bid day is the best day of recruitment because everyone can hang out with the new members and just relax and have fun getting to know each other."

With the end of a stressful week full of life changing decisions, the new members experienced an exciting day that they will remember for years to come.



Gamma Rho Chis disaffiliate from their sorority in order to provide the recruits an unbiased representative of the Greek community. During the week, however, recruits still find it amusing to figure out which girls are a part of what sororities. Submitted photos

Phi Mu

"Les soeurs fidels."

Story by Julie April



Since their colonization in 1950, the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Mu has been demonstrating three ideals: love, honor and truth. Each day, Phi Mus on and off campus strive to live out their national creed. Whether it is involvement in Student Government Association or cheer leading, Phi Mus are apart of all aspects of Southern Miss traditions.

Through the commitment and loyalty of several hundred collegiate members, Alpha Omicron has evolved into what it is today. By living out their creed, "To lend to those less fortunate a helping hand," Phi Mu has been fortunate enough to raise thousands of dollars to put towards their philanthropy, Children's Miracle Network. Through various activities such as their annual trip to Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital in Jackson, selling of the Men of the Year calendars and their dance marathon program, the ladies of Phi Mu are committed to helping CMN succeed.

Danielle LaNassa, Amanda Chappel and Katie Dabbaub, pose for one of the many pictures on the first day of recruitment. The ladies of Phi Mu were able to recruit a well rounded group of ladies. Submitted photo

Although they have been recognized among the top Five Phi Mu Chapters on a National level, the Southern Miss chapter is constantly striving for perfection. This past year Phi Mu has taken one step closer by initiating 100 percent of their new members for the third year straight. This success along with the bonds of sisterhood has created a wonderful chapter full of exceptional women.



Amanda Rablaif, Courtney Owens, Diana Stricklan and Maggie Founier anxiously await for their turn to dance in Delta Gamma's Anchorsplash. Submitted photo

Phi Mu



FRONT ROW: Ashley Harper, Katie Duhe, Allison Carroll, Elise Paciera, Jennifer Centola, Monica Jordan, Katie Shubert, Amanda Lewis, Nicole Toups; SECOND ROW: Katie Dabdoub, Elisabeth Baylis, Lauren Trepagnier, Mary K. Mounger, Gracie Gilbert, Dannah Dobson, Kimberly Hymel, Alicia Dobson, Melissa Freyder, Kelsey Lingsch, Rachel Mullen, Jessica Jackson, Allison Baptist, Caitlyn Grillot; THIRD ROW: Katie Baricev, Jessie Yennie, Megan Watts, Tara Gremillion, Megan Johnson, Jordan Rankin, Emily Fulgham, Kasey Murphy, Corinn Grillot, Brittany Romig, Savannah Parker, Jennifer Lepre, Veronica Gilbert, Katie Wahl, Nicole Clinton; FOURTH ROW: Jeannette Johnson, Courtney Patterson, Tori Mayo, Kimberly Robichaux, Jennifer Clark, Nicole Miranov, Melissa Mauldin, Cody Clark, Sarah Doss, Kati Lovvorn, Colleen Kirby, Brittany Stringer, Anna Snyder; BACK ROW: Erin Fortenberry, Hailey Lovvorn, Tina Treuil, Kaiti Kinter, Megan Carlson, Jamie April, Cassie Seymour, Amanda Chappell, Jessica Bordelon, Leigh Holland Trotti, Amy Gillies, Courtney Owens, Bethanie Brannon, Jessica Dean, Diana Strickland, Allyson Mora, Blair Norman, Natalie Comp, Julie April

Alpha Delta Pi

"We live for each other"

Story by Kristy McCoy

The ladies of Alpha Delta Pi have a lot to be proud of. After all, they have claims to one of the proudest heritages among sororities. As the first secret society founded at the only female college in the world in 1851, Alpha Delta Pi has long been a leader on campuses across the nation.

The Eta Zeta Chapter at Southern Miss is no different. During the year, Alpha Delta Pi participates in numerous philanthropy and community service events. The national philanthropy of Alpha Delta Pi is the Ronald McDonald House charities. As an organization, Alpha Delta Pi gives annually to sponsor the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, a mobile health care unit that drives into under-privileged communities providing health care for those who cannot afford it.

Anne Petty and Kristy McCoy take a quick picture after Chi Omega's songfest. This is just one of the many philanthropy events that Alpha Delta Pi participates in each year. Submitted photo



Alpha Delta Pi



FRONT ROW: Sarah Hanson and Kyra Robinson; SECOND ROW: TJ Lewis, Lindsey Broadhead, Lori Jo Butler, Aly Coleman, Haley Higdon, Delancey Giannini, and Melissa Nick; THIRD ROW: Carrie Payne, Hilary Faries, Lina Ow, Betsy Phillips, Lindsey Marie Tucker, Alice Bartlett, Sonya Roncain, Anne Petty, Heather Calloway, and Allyson Bode; BACK ROW: Kelly Ennis, Diana Tannehill, Kristy McCoy, Brandi Brewer, Beth Lewis, Jaime Cantrell, Courtney Holcomb, Ashley Baxley, Lauren Rose, April Lammons, Beth Pickering, Jessica Benigno, Mary Frances Rogers, LaDonna Ellis, Rebecca Hirsch, Rebekah Moran, Jessica Pace, and Shaunna Myers.



Big sis' Delancey Giannini and lil' sis Haley Higdon are soon to begin the new member process. Big day was a joy for all the sisters and new members of Alpha Delta Pi. Submitted photo

Habitat for Humanity

Coming together for the community

Story by Tangelia Bronson

The Greek organizations have decided to become involved in yet another organization by working closely with Habitat for Humanity. Ricky Arceneaux, vice president of the Interfraternity Council said, "It was all Stephanie McDonald's idea. She has played a key role in this project and set up all the times for the Habitat project," Arceneaux. Habitat for Humanity is an international organization, currently in 100 nations, with chapters throughout the United States.

"We serve people who are in the greatest need and people who live in poverty or near poverty," said Jim Robertson, Habitat for Humanity executive director.

Habitat attracts volunteers because of its great work for the community, and caring individuals who run the organization. All College Panhellenic Council sororities and IFC fraternities participate in Habitat for Humanity.

Vice President of the CPC Stephanie McDonald said, "This is a program that not only benefits Southern Miss, but also the surrounding Hattiesburg community.

"You do not need any skills to volunteer your time in helping in this program," McDonald said. She said that they have taken precautions so volunteers will not constantly worry about making mistakes. "There are tons of professional contractors out there who are out there to make sure everything runs smoothly," McDonald said.

Arceneaux said the project with Habitat for Humanity was scheduled to last for 10 weekends. He said that one sorority or fraternity participates at a time.

"Usually the number of volunteers range from 40 to 60 people," Arceneaux said. "This is a hands-on community service opportunity...project directors and other professionals are out there to assist you," Arceneaux said.

He said there are various ways for volunteers to help. "This program is a good way to get involved in your community...and you get to where and how the efforts you put in grow," Arceneaux said.

"Everyone can see the impact on the city of Hattiesburg," Arceneaux said. He said it feels good giving something back to his college town.

"It's not giving money, but better, it's making a difference and putting a roof on someone's head that is less fortunate," Arceneaux said.

He said giving money is also helpful, but with this project volunteers can actually see the difference made and know that they were a part of it. "Each sorority and fraternity has been showing up and working hard. All of the Greek organizations put something into it and they know the work will pay off," Arceneaux said.

Herman Smith, construction manager for Habitat for Humanity said volunteers are habitat's greatest resource. On Nov. 16, Chi Omega helped the organization build a house. Smith said there was a tremendous turnout within the sorority.

"Forty of them came in the morning, and 40 more came in the afternoon. I was amazed to see how many volunteers came from their sorority alone," Smith said.

"Habitat for Humanity is simply about individuals coming together as a whole to make one common difference," Smith said.



Member of Phi Mu, Gracie Gilbert and Allison Carrol, work hard to help finish the first house developed by Greeks for Humanity. Gilbert said, "We want to give back to the community." Photo by Jennifer Petcher



Matt Tunstal, criminal justice major and Phi Kappa Tau member, struggles to stay on top of the roof. Tunstal was one of the many fraternity members who came out many weekends to build the house. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

Sigma Chi

“in hoc signo vinces.”

Story by Britt Walker

The spirit of Sigma Chi, as conceived by the founders more than 150 years ago yet visible and alive today, is based on the theory that: Friendship among members, sharing a common belief in an ideas... and possessing different temperaments, talents, and convictions...is superior to friendship among members having the same temperaments, talents, and convictions, and that...genuine friendship can be maintained without surrendering to principles of individuality or sacrificing one's personal judgement.



Members of Sigma Chi enjoy an afternoon crawfish boil in their backyard. Submitted photo

Sigma Chi



Charles Arinder, Taylor Backstrom, Brent Burge, Wesley Dickens, William Dyess, Grant Ford, William Ford, Jeffrey Gaines, Preston Gordon, Jeff Harbison, Austin Holmes, Brock Howell, Ramon Jackson, Jonathan Johnson, Brett Kennedy, Samuel Krhut, Nicholas Lee, Nicholas Loman, Mark Lovoy, Justin Lowery, Alexander Martin, Ronald McDonough, Jeremy Miller, Joseph Murphy, Stephen Nelson, Mark Ohman, Hugh Pace, Matthew Pennington, John Pitre, William Porter, Phillip Ready, Brett Richards, John Robertson, Richard Sawyer, Charles Serpente, Kennon Singley, Jonathan Smith, Joseph Songy, Tommy Vanderford, Britton Walker, Wade Wilkes, Michael Wood, Paul Cook, Ryan Corley, Joseph Fife, Andrew Fox, Brent Freeman, Samuel Grayson, John Hoseman, Paul Joyner, Reese May, Tyler Monk, Jacob Morgan, Gareth Murphree, Adam Pace, Dusty Snider, Josh Snider, William Stubbs, Michael Vanderloo.



Sigma Chi members at Tri Delta's philanthropy Frats at Bat. Submitted photo

Alpha Tau Omega

"With a bond as strong as right itself."

Story by Justin T. Ranger



The Epsilon Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega was started on the campus in 1949, and today is one of the strongest chapters here at Southern Miss.

Alpha Tau Omega had one of its finest years ever exceeding even their own expectations. Starting the year in Atlanta at their 72nd congress the men at Southern Miss took home the True Merit trophy, which is awarded to the top chapter in the nation.

The annual crawfish boil was the most anticipated event of the year and they did not fail to astonish, with 10,000 pounds of crawfish and over 800 people in attendance the chapter was able to raise \$40,000.

The annual haunted house was also an extreme success scaring the local families around Hattiesburg they were able to raise \$7,000.

Once again the tradition of excellence continues... "With a bond as strong as right itself."

ATO executive officers attend the ATO convention. The fraternity received several awards during the convention. Submitted photo



The men of Alpha Tau Omega gave Habitat for Humanity a \$4,000 from their haunted house. Submitted photo

Alpha Tau Omega



Eric Arrant, Brad Belk, Tim Bennett, Bradley Braud, Jonathan Brumfield, Evan Burke, Jared Carrubba, Kenneth Carson, Clint Case, Matthew Davis, Anthony Day, Gregory Divincet, Dustin Ellzey, Michael Felter, Benjamin Gardes, Kevin Gervais, Matthew Glaviano, Blake Green, Benjamin Guettler, Keith Hmbree, Phillip Johnson, Chad King, Justin King, Brian Kowalski, Christopher Landry, Thomas Lee, Ryan Mahoney, Louis Martin, John McMahan, Robert Moore, Scott Muredous, Patrick OHara, Anthony Parker, Justin Ranger, Jonathan Rathe, Donald Richoux, Joshua Rilette, Matthew Roniger, Kenneth Ruckart, Stephen Ryan, James Sell, Brandon Thomas, John Thomas, Bradley Verrette, Richard Wagner, Tom Wagner, Jeremy Walz, Jesse Allison, Brad D'Alfonso, Christoher Griffith, Michael Herrington, Ryan Jones, Joshua Mannino, Whitney Meeke, Chad Montegut, George Napier, Alessandro Pieri, Reid Shea, Nathan Smith, Jason Thompson, Ryan Waguespack, Patrick Walker, Sidney Weinacker.

Pi Kappa Phi

"Building better men."

Story by Brandon Belote

The men of Pi Kappa Phi had one of their most successful years to date here at Southern Miss. Pi Kapp took home the Frank Cain Award for community service, distinguishing Pi Kappa Phi as the one campus organization to demonstrate the very highest level of excellence in service to the campus and community.

The fall semester proved just as successful with the vision to recruit and retain the largest associate class in the chapter's history. In academics, the Pi Kappa Phi brought home the Aubrey K. Lucas Scholarship Award for the highest men's GPA for the seventh consecutive semester. Pi Kappa Phi supports their national philanthropy, Push America, throughout the year by fundraising and spreading awareness for persons with disabilities.

They sponsor No Boundaries Week, culminating with their annual Pi Kapp Classic basketball game. Pi Kappa Phi also stood out as the premier men's fraternity in campus leadership and involvement. Walt Cain, a Pi Kapp, was elected as student body president as well as three Pi Kapps as executive officers. The fraternity took home the overall award for Greek Week.

On the social side, Pi Kapps were able to have all of their traditional events, including several big band parties with headliners like Benjy Davis Project, Second Hand Heroes, and Triple Lindy; Hook a Brother Up, spring parties and Roseball.

Bid Day 2004 at the Pi Kappa Phi house, in front of 'the Bubble' along with the Rosecourt". Submitted photo



Pi Kappa Phi



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Matt Tunstall, Greg Puckett, Brandon Belote, Vincent Fabra, David Meigs, Eric Anderson, Jason Neel, Walt Cain, Toby Barker, and Jaime Torres with the ladies of Chi Omega to receive first place in the fraternity division at the Chi Omega songfest. Submitted photo

Pi Kappa Alpha

“achievement in integrity”

Story by Matthew Marshall



The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity was formed on March 1, 1868, at the University of Virginia. The Delta Mu chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity was chartered on Dec. 10, 1949. Pi Kappa Alpha international fraternity is a Greek letter secret college social fraternity.

It is an organization that encourages growth and fosters leadership, while providing young men with unforgettable moments. The Delta Mu chapter currently works with the Southern Pines animal shelter to raise money for the Hattiesburg Humane Society. The men of Delta Mu raised \$15,000 for Southern Pines in 2004.

The Pikes at Southern Miss are the current homecoming participation champions, along with Kappa Delta. Also, the Pikes are the reigning Kappa Delta Shamrock Spirit Award winners as well as third place finishers at the Delta Gamma Anchor Splash in 2004.

The Delta Mu Pikes racked up 8000 hours of community service in 2004, and continue to strive to be figureheads of the campus and community.

Greg Lassen, Pike faculty advisor; Lt. Col. Jerry Gandy, Pike alumni; Steven Blaylock, chapter president; and Tony Leslie, Pike alumni advisor. Lt. Col. Gandy honored his chapter with the American flag that flew on this Army plane during homecoming festivities. Submitted photo



Seth Gardner and Stevie Ray during one of Pike's many swaps. Submitted photo

Pi Kappa Alpha



Mickey Bellande, Ronald Bogard, Brandon Breal, Derek Breal, Justin Cates, Phillip DeFrances, Brett Dyar, Tony Giardina, Brandon Hill, Caleb Hill, Matthew Marshall, Travis Mosley, Steven Ray, Christopher Saksa, Benjamin Simpson, James Smith, Tad Wansley, Christopher Wright, William Allgood, Vandan Amin, Kevin Brown, Shwan Dubose, Seth Gardner, Robert Klauder, David Magruder, Thomas McDonagh, Dustin Renaud, Robert Wynn

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Phi Kappa Tau

"Success is never coasting."

Story by Justin Harvison

Tradition at Southern Miss is an ideal that all students hold close to their hearts. For the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau, tradition is not an ideal, but way of life. As the first national fraternity to arrive on campus on Oct. 15, 1948, Phi Tau still retains the rich tradition that began almost a half century ago.

Along with a rich tradition, the men of Phi Kappa Tau also boast a solid history of academic excellence and campus involvement. With presidential scholars, leadership scholars, lucky day scholars and various others, 80 percent of the Beta Epsilon chapter receives scholarly rewards for their academic and community service excellence.

As with academics and campus involvement, commitment to their philanthropy remains a vital party of the Phi Tau way of life.

Founded by alumni and actor Paul Newman, the Hole in the Wall Gang has been the national philanthropy for Phi Kappa Tau for nearly two decades. Over the past decade, the Beta Epsilon Chapter has raised over \$11,000 for the Hole in the Wall Gang. Phi Tau's social events rang from date and band parties to swaps and lost weekend, Phi Tau's always know how to enjoy the lights side of college.

Clint Burdette, Jason Mitchell and Daniel Hinton are ready for the Studio 54 party in August. The 70's theme party featured the world famous DJ Domination from Miami. Submitted photo



Phi Kappa Tau



Edward Akers, Matthew Broome, Clinton Burdett, Samuel Carollo, Joshua Collum, Caleb Davis, James Delancey, Benjamin, Justin Harvison, Daniel Hinton, Donald Horne, Christopher King, Dylan Mezey, Jason Mitchell, James Molsbee, Charles Nelson, Ronald Reiss, Rafael Sanchez, Scott Swinney, Christopher Walker, Shaun Walker, Kenneth Wellborn, Joseph Altman, Allan Carson, Welsey Cole, David Cubley, Michael Edgerton, Keith Grant, Ireland Harris, Justin Jones, John Ladner, Ryan Parson, Jonathan Phillips, Calvin Poble, Jason Rietter, Zachardy Rymniak, Daniel Schroeder, Roderick Smith, Scott Stephens, Michael Sullivan, Jason Wheat.



Michael McBride, Rafael Sanchez and Scott Stephens gaze in awe at arguable the biggest float in Southern Miss homecoming history. Submitted photo

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

"True gentlemen"

Story by Stephen Snell



Sigma Alpha Epsilon has had a long tradition of being the leader among national fraternities. Founded before the Civil War, in 1856 at Tuscaloosa, Ala., SAE was the first national fraternity founded in the Deep South.

Over the past 139 years, SAE has grown to be the largest fraternity in the world, with chapters in 48 states and Canada, but it still holds true to many of the ideals and traditions of the Southern gentleman.

Since 1965, Mississippi Sigma has continued the tradition at Southern Miss campus while creating leaders in every level of business, sports and politics.

Being an SAE means always striving to be the best in everything and living up to the ideals of the "True Gentleman." Through this diligence, he commands respect,... he is a leader.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon celebrates their newest members on Bid Day with a pool party. Submitted photo by



"Welcome to SAE!" Submitted photo

Sigma Alpha Epsilon



Max Adcock, Richard Arceneaux, Brian Bledsoe, Maxwell Bonner, Javier Calderon, Joshua Cook, Nicholas Cook, James Cruise, Matt Donahue, Michael Dorris, Kevin Jenkins, Robert King, Stephen Lawler, Scott Lee, Christopher Lyman, John Marshall, Brett McGee, Zach New, Marcus Oster, David Owens, Derrick Powell, Marcus Sackler, Jesse Shepherd, Tanner Smith, Edward Winter, Benjamin Beerry, Cliff Clary, John Crisler, William Crisler, William Cullinane, Andrew Giles, Michael Godfrey, Preston Goff, Preston Grimshaw, Felipe Kerschbaum, Benjamin Pierce, Brian Sessums, Thomas Sims.

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Sigma Nu

"Love, truth, honor"

Story by Matt McKeough

Founded nationally in 1869 at the Virginia Military Institute; founded against the atrocity of hazing that was running rampant through other college fraternities. Three men decided to create a fraternity based on the ideals of love, truth and honor in order for men in the college to achieve excellence without the harassment of hazing that plagued all other college fraternities.

The Theta Gamma chapter of Sigma Nu was started at the University of in 1969, and still lives up to the ideals that our founders gave us over 100 years ago.

Sigma Nu takes pride in our strong brotherhood, and is constantly trying to find ways to improve our relations with the school as well as with the fraternity itself. Sigma Nu is dedicated to the ideals of philanthropy and excellence and strives to make a difference through our school and through our community.

Not only does Sigma Nu provide a great social outlet that lets one meet the best people this campus has to offer, but it also provides the skills and the tools that will make a stronger, more rounded man so one will be able to tackle real world situations and challenges more effectively than other organizations or social groups has to offer.

Brothers and candidates enjoying a night at the dragon house. Submitted photo



Sigma Nu



James Allen, Hiren Arora, Grant Banks, Brett Bohentin, Jared Clark, Patrick Harris, Justin Irby, Markus Jones, Matthew McKeough, Christopher Pasch, Gerald Peralta, Bjorn Quiroga, Edward Stallworth, Joseph Willcox, Taylor Cannon, Craig Collignon, John Ellzey, Rodney Harvey.

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Brother Patrick Harris and two very lucky ladies. Submitted photo

Kappa Alpha Order

"Excellence in our aim."

Story by Carland Holstead



Kappa Alpha Order's Mission Statement: Kappa Alpha Order seeks to create a lifetime experience which centers on reverence to God, duty, character and gentlemanly conduct as inspired by Robert E. Lee, our spiritual founder.

The Gamma Zeta chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order has been on the campus of Southern Miss since 1949.

KA recently got a new house off of fraternity row, but it is nice nonetheless. This past semester we have won Kappa Alpha Theta's Kicks for CASA, along with Pi Kappa Alpha and Phi Mu and placed third in Chi Omega's annual Songfest competition.

KA's national philanthropy is Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Kappa Alpha Order brothers Carland Holstead, Brad Johnson and Matt Farquhar stuffing their homecoming float. Submitted photo



One of Kappa Alpha Order's annual traditions is their Old South walk-outs. Members dress in their antebellum attire for a reception followed by a crawfish boil and band party during the weekend. Submitted photo

Kappa Alpha



Adam Brewer, Joseph Clements, Dustin Cooper, Michael Davis, Benjamin Griffin, Carland Holstead, Quint Hunt, James Johnson, Justin Mitchell, Edward Renz, Shan Seymour, Michael Smith, Seth Sullivan, Matthew Farquhar, Samuel Mooney.

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Delta Tau Delta

"Committed to lives of excellence."

Since 1858, Delta Tau Delta has been a staple of Fraternal Excellence. The Zeta Chi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta has consistently set a fraternal standard of excellence at the University of Southern Mississippi for over 18 years. Zeta Chi ranks among the best in the nation as a "Court of Honor Chapter."

Academics, community service and philanthropy are just a few of Delta Tau Delta's points of excellence. Although their national philanthropy is Adopt-A-School, the fraternity locally hosts the Cystic Fibrosis Sports challenge. This was created in dedication to their first chapter president, Stephen Richards, who is afflicted with Cystic Fibrosis. Over the last 15 years Delta Tau Delta has raised over \$160,000 for a cure.

The brotherhood of the members resonates throughout each of their social functions. Some of their annual events include Night of the Living Delt, St. Valentine's Day Massacre, Super Bowl Party, Christmas Formal, Sweetheart Breakfast and HardCorp Delt Spring Party. Each member holds brotherhood as the most sacred part of being a Delt.

The brothers of Delta Tau Delta in the chapter room of the their house with the new brothers. Submitted photo



Delta Tau Delta



FRONT ROW: Corey Garrett, Trevor Ott, Lenton McLendon, Greg Maurer, Nathan Parsons, John Allen, Bentley O'Berry, Oraig Maxon, John Crumpton, Undreau Brown, Nathan Blanton; BACK ROW: Trey Lynchard, Brandon Moffett, Terry Trosclair, Jeffery Keyseear, Matt Evans, Jason Marsalis, Matt Gillis, John Mosley, Justin Roberts, Johnathan Hoffman, Kevin Hunt, Alan Hopper, Joshua Livingston.



Members of Delta Tau Delta preparing for a mud fight on Bid Day. The tradition is carried out in the yard of their house on a sunny Labor Day weekend. Submitted photo

Kappa Sigma

"The Most Wanted Man in the Country"

Story by Adam Buckalew



Over the years, the brothers of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity have aspired to set a good example for the Greek community. This year, the brothers of Kappa Sigma continued their success not only in rush, but their philanthropy event, Margaritaville, by raising over \$10,000 for Special Olympics local organization. The Kappa Sigma Fraternity continued their success in intramurals by capturing their third consecutive title. Kappa Sigma continues to lead the Greek community in areas of leadership, philanthropy and recruitment.

Kappa Sigma's philanthropy, Margaritaville, dancing with Chi Omega: Chris Nations, Katie Harris, Tyler Royals, Nicole Anding, Ken Miller, Andrea Graham, Tyler Hysom. Submitted photo



Trey Skaggs and Adam Skaggs, Big/lil brothers by blood and through Kappa Sigma, show brotherly love. Submitted photo

Kappa Sigma

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Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Inc. is a social and philanthropic organization. It was founded in 1865 at the University of Virginia. The fraternity has since grown to include chapters at over 100 universities and colleges across the United States and in other countries. Kappa Sigma is known for its strong sense of brotherhood and its commitment to service. The fraternity's philanthropy, Margaritaville, is a major event that raises funds for the Special Olympics. Kappa Sigma also competes in intramural sports and has won the national title three times. The fraternity continues to lead the Greek community in areas of leadership, philanthropy, and recruitment.

Phi Beta Sigma

“Culture for service, service for humanity.”

Story by Phi Beta Sigma

The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma are the fraternity's most valuable resource and strength. They are the primary means by which Phi Beta Sigma objective will be achieved.

In order to accomplish the fraternity's objectives, it is essential that systems are instituted that effectively embody “Culture For Service and Service For Humanity” and promote brotherhood, scholarship and service.

John Clemmons, Edrick Smith, Anthony J. Carson, LaTerrance Simmons, Mike Smith, Percy Smith, Jermaine Banks, RaShad Smith, Joshua Jackson and Antwoine Smith are the newly inducted Phi Gentlemen of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Submitted photo



Phi Beta Sigma



Jermaine Banks, John Clemmons, Ben Funches, Lavern Gray, Aaron McCracken, Michael McMillan, Justin Seery, Duane Ward, Laterrance Simmons, Edrick Smith, RaShad Smith, Frederick Smith, Percy Smith, Terrance Simmons, Clyde Grant, Michael Smith, Joshua Jackson, Anthony Carson, Jermaine Banks

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Percy Keys, Mike Smith, John Clemmons, Antwoine Smith, Clyde Grant and RaShad Smith show that real Superme have S's on thier arm, not on thier chest. Submitted photo

Omega Psi Phi

"Friendship is essential to the soul."

Story by Omega Psi Phi

The Nu Eta chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., was founded in May of 1975 on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi.

The Notorious charter line Genesis 31 later provided for the membership of college men with similar ideas to promote the national principles: manhood, scholarship, preservation, and uplift. It was the first nationally African-American Greek organization founded at Southern Miss.

Nu Eta flourished on the campus until suspended in 1994. Then in 2000, the resurrection of Nu Eta happened with Genesis II: The Resurrection of Nu Eta.

Since then, Nu Eta has grown in numbers with the addition of: Four Men of No Remorse in fall of 2000, The Last of a Dying Breed in the spring of 2001, Seven Deadly Sins of Omega in fall of 2002, Four Links on a Chain of Corruption in the spring of 2004 and Five Demons of a Dogmatic Cult in the spring of 2005.

The Nu Eta chapter is active in the Hattiesburg community with the Big Brother/Big Sister program and Omega Prep youth organization.

Annual events held by Omega Psi Phi include Que-Delta week, achievement week and a perfect attendance and academic excellence program held at the end of every nine-week term for elementary school students.

Omega Psi Phi at Bonhomie Apartmetns. Here the brothers provide a barbeque and a mini step show at Bonhomie's Annual Night Out Against Crime. Submitted photo

Omega Psi Phi



Laterrence Bivens, Andrae Booker, Darell Coffey, Eric Cox, Robert Houston, Brian Hudson, Charles Lowery, Steven Smith, Lehendric Turner, Robert Whitley, Eric Brundidge, Willie Davidson, Sedrick Jackson, Keith Moris, Milton Williams.

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Omega Psi Phi performing at thier coming out 2005 to George Clinton's "Atomic Dog." Photo by Matikia Wilson

Kappa Alpha Psi

“Training for leadership since 1911.”

Story by Jonathan D. Phillips

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was founded on the campus of Indiana University on Jan. 5, 1911. The fraternity's fundamental purpose is achievement. The founders sought a formula that would immediately raise the sights of black collegians and stimulate them to accomplishments higher than they might have imagined.

Kappa Alpha Psi began uniting college men of culture, patriotism and honor in a bond of fraternity. The men of the Kappa Iota chapter continue to exemplify the fundamental purpose of the fraternity by receiving the Southwestern Province “Undergraduate Chapter of the Year” award for 2004-2005.

The chapter was selected from among 58 undergraduate chapters in the five-state province for exhibiting involvement in campus leadership, academic achievement and meritorious service to the campus and civic community.

The chapter collaborates with the Hattiesburg Alumni Chapter in promoting the fraternity's national Guide Right initiatives, the Kappa League leadership development program and The Piney Woods School's summer enrichment camp, Kappa Kamp. During Kappa Week 2K4, Kappa Iota hosted a series of programs and events designed to increase health awareness, voter participation, and community. Two highlights of the week were a skate party hosted with the Phi Epsilon chapter of Delta Delta Delta and the Diamonds and Divas Ball hosted with the Mu Nu chapter of Delta Sigma Theta.

The newest Kappas stand in line in front of the HUB on Halloween night. The men await their signal to begin their probate. Photo by Brittney Johnson



Kappa Alpha Psi



Frank Baker, Kyris Brown, Renard Collins, Titus Jefferson, Steven Randie, Bryon Russell, Jamaya Smith, Nicholas Trotter, Jerrell Tyler, Joshua Ward, Marvin Williams, Tommy Winston, Leslie Adah, Brandon Ailes, Durran Dunn, Johnny Hansell, Brandon Johnson, Cal Johnson, Roderick Smith, Rogena Singleton

KAPSI



Renard Collins and Tommy Winston with the children of Palmer's Crossing. The Kappas collaborated with the Office of Community Service Learning to hold a day of fun for the children with carnival rides, basketball games and a dunking booths. Submitted photo

Alpha Phi Alpha

"First of all, servants of all, we shall transcend all."



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., was founded Dec. 4, 1906, on the campus of Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. The Mu Xi chapter, was founded on Nov. 15, 1976, at Southern Miss, as a metropolitan chapter.

It received its charter on the campus in 1982. Since its founding, the brothers of the Mu Xi chapter have worked to uphold the motto and ideals as leaders and trailblazers.

The Mu Xi Chapter inducted 20 new members this fall with the title 20 pharaohs of the eternal phire. The annual Alphas Promoting Excellent Service Week was held this fall to promote community service around the campus.

The annual Miss Black and Gold pageant was held as an uplifting leadership project of African-American women on campus. In addition to these events, the oldest and most intuitive philanthropy event Alpha Phi Alpha held was Mandingo Fest. This week is held to promote community service, educational, and social events through out the entire southern region.



Alpha Phi Alpha



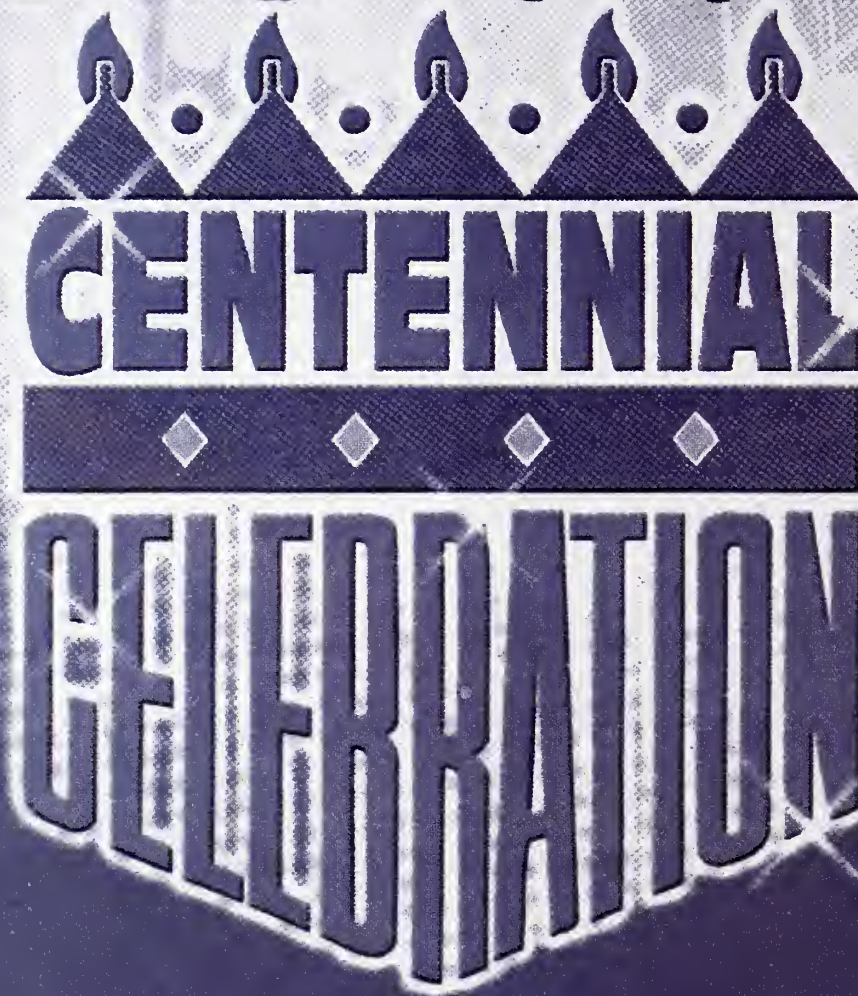
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Mu Xi member Nathaniel Johnson attend Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority community service at Bonhomie Apartment Complex. Submitted photo

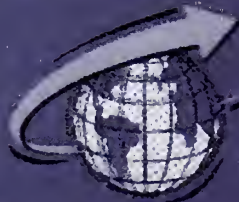
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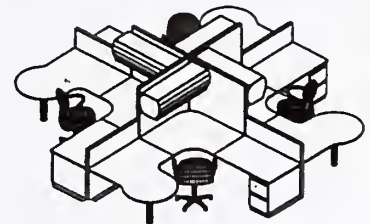
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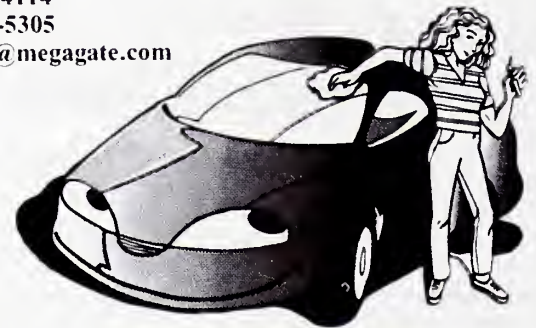
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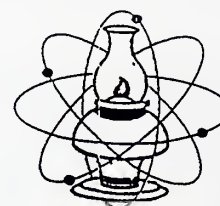
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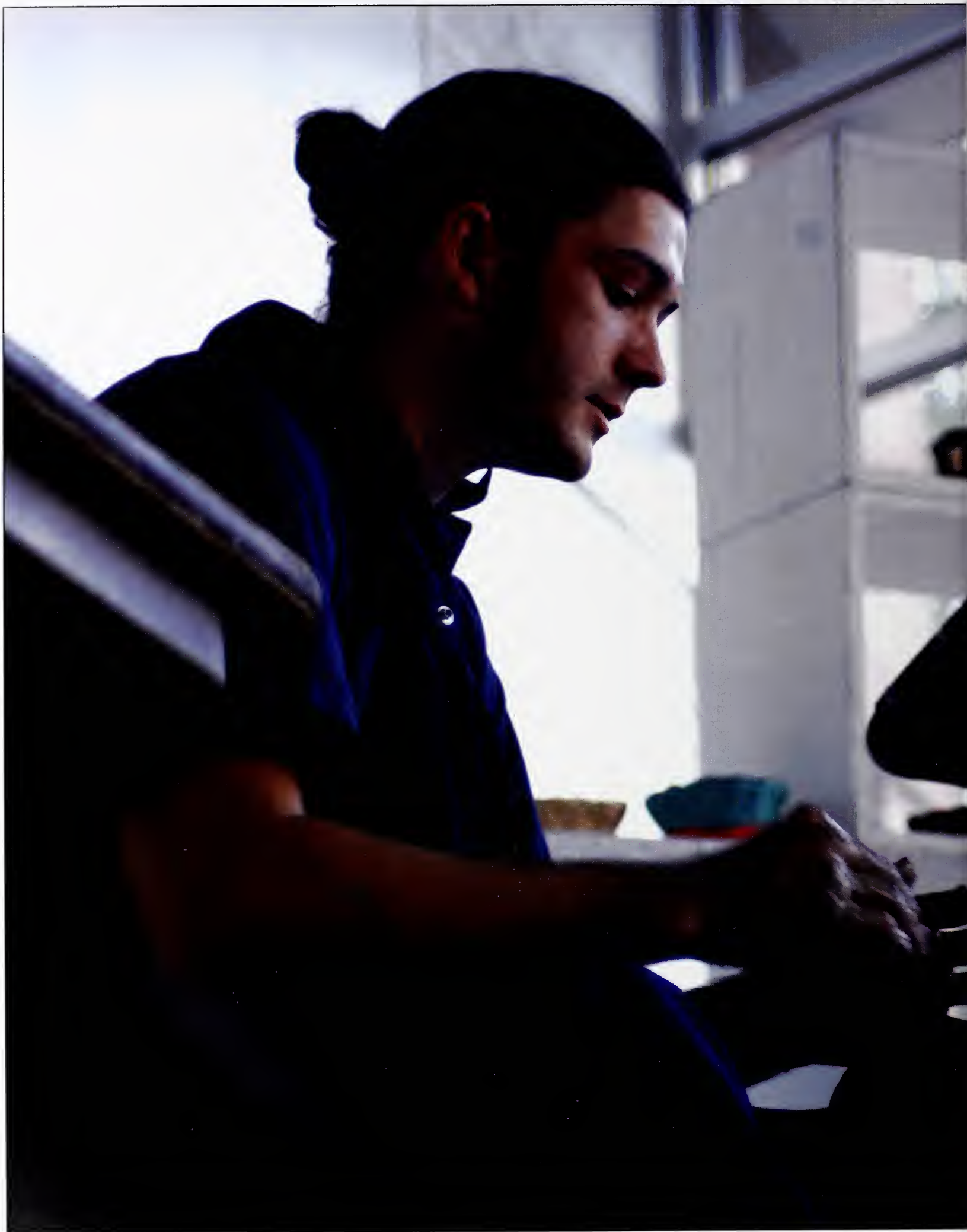




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